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**CIVIL RIGHTS**

**M O V E M E N T S**

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**S U C C E S S F U L ?**

EXPLORING AMERICA'S HISTORY THROUGH COMPELLING QUESTIONS

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# F I R S T Q U E S T I O N HOW DID INDIVIDUALS ADVANCE THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT?

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of the post-war decades  
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## MY CONCLUSION

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## CONTENT VOCABULARY

### LAWS

Jim Crow  
Executive Order 9981  
Separate but Equal

### COURT CASES

Plessy v. Ferguson  
Brown v. Board of Education  
of Topeka

### EVENTS

Battle of Oxford

### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Jackie Robinson  
Emmitt Till  
National Association for  
the Advancement of  
Colored People  
(NAACP)  
Thurgood Marshall  
Earl Warren  
Little Rock nine  
Ruby Bridges  
James Meredith  
George Wallace

## ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Aftermath:** the consequences of an event

**Bloat:** swelling

**Brutish:** resembling a beast; showing lack of human  
sensibility

**Condone:** excuse, overlook, or make allowances for

**Degradation:** changing to a lower, less respected state

**Emergence:** the act of coming out into view

**Escort:** accompany

**Felony:** a serious crime, such as murder or arson

**Hypocrisy:** pretending to have qualities or beliefs that  
you do not have

**Impasse:** a situation in which no progress can be made

**Inherently:** in an essential manner

**Irate:** feeling or showing extreme anger

**Mutilated:** having a part of the body crippled or  
disabled

**Ostracize:** expel from a community or group

**Proponent:** a person who pleads for a cause or  
propounds an idea

**Reaffirm:** assert once again

**Staunch:** firm and dependable especially in loyalty

**Tireless:** characterized by sustained hard work and  
perseverance

**Turpitude:** a corrupt or depraved or degenerate act or  
practice

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# SECOND QUESTION

## HOW DID PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER TO ADVANCE THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT?

Were the  
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### CONTENT VOCABULARY

#### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Rosa Parks  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Coretta Scott King  
Ralph Abernathy  
Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference (SCLC)  
Student Nonviolent  
Coordinating Committee  
(SNCC)  
Congress of Racial Equality  
(CORE)  
"Bull" Connor  
Medgar Evers

#### IDEAS

Nonviolence  
Civil Disobedience  
Sit-In  
Open Letter

#### LAWS

Civil Rights Act of 1964  
Voting Rights Act of 1965

#### EVENTS

Montgomery Bus Boycott  
Civil Rights Movement  
Freedom Rides  
Albany Campaign  
Birmingham Campaign  
16th Street Baptist Church  
Bombing  
March on Washington for  
Jobs and Freedom  
Freedom Summer  
Murder of Chaney,  
Goodman and  
Schwerner  
Bloody Sunday

#### LETTERS & SPEECHES

Letter from a Birmingham  
Jail  
I Have a Dream Speech

### ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Consolidated:** joined together into a whole  
**Counter:** a calculator recording the number of times something happens  
**Disembark:** exit from a ship, vehicle, or aircraft  
**Dismantle:** take off or remove  
**Disobedience:** the failure to follow rules or comply  
**Erode:** remove soil or rock  
**Galvanize:** stimulate (muscles) by administering a shock  
**Grassroots:** of or involving the common people rather than those in power  
**Grievance:** a complaint about a wrong that causes resentment  
**Hoax:** something intended to deceive  
**Incite:** provoke or stir up  
**Jeer:** laugh at with contempt and derision  
**Nascent:** being born or beginning  
**Pelt:** the dressed hairy coat of a mammal  
**Reprisal:** a retaliatory action against an enemy in wartime  
**Seamstress:** someone who makes or mends clothes  
**Stark:** severely simple  
**Tactics:** a plan for attaining a particular goal  
**Vacate:** leave behind empty; move out of

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# T H I R D Q U E S T I O N WAS VIOLENCE AN INEVITABLE PART OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT?

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## CONTENT VOCABULARY

### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Kerner Commission  
Malcolm X  
Nation of Islam  
Black Muslims  
Elijah Muhammad  
Stokely Carmichael  
James Brown  
Huey Newton  
Bobby Seale  
Black Panther Party  
Richard Nixon  
Rodney King  
OJ Simpson

### IDEAS

Black is Beautiful  
Black Power  
Southern Strategy

### GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Bussing  
Affirmative Action

### EVENTS

The Long, Hot Summer  
Black Power Salute at the  
1968 Olympics  
Assassination of Martin  
Luther King, Jr.  
1968 Presidential Election  
War on Drugs  
1992 Los Angeles Riots  
Trial of the Century

### SPEECHES

I've Been to the  
Mountaintop  
Can we all just get along?

## ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Aesthetics:** the branch of philosophy dealing with beauty and taste

**Baton:** a metal rod wielded or twirled by a drum major or majorette

**Behest:** an authoritative command or request

**Berate:** censure severely or angrily

**Binge:** overeat or eat immodestly

**Brandish:** move or swing back and forth

**De facto:** existing, whether with lawful authority or not

**Desensitize:** cause to be less responsive to or affected by something

**Empowerment:** the act of conferring legality or sanction or formal warrant

**Garner:** assemble or get together

**Ghetto:** a poor densely populated city district

**Hone:** sharpen with a whetstone

**Implemented:** forced or compelled or put in force

**Incarcerate:** lock up or confine, in or as in a jail

**Loot:** goods or money obtained illegally

**Monotheistic:** believing that there is only one god

**Resonate:** produce a deep, clear sound

**Riot:** a state of disorder involving group violence

**Tenet:** a religious doctrine proclaimed as true without proof

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# F O U R T H Q U E S T I O N

## WHAT MAKES A MOVEMENT SUCCESSFUL?

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### CONTENT VOCABULARY

#### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Cesar Chavez  
Dolores Huerta  
Larry Itliong  
United Farm Workers  
Delano Grape Strike and  
Boycott  
La Raza Unida  
Reies López Tijerina  
Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales  
Dennis Banks  
George Mitchell  
American Indian Movement  
(AIM)  
Russell Means  
Leonard Peltier  
Harvey Milk

#### LAWS & POLICIES

Indian Self-Determination and  
Education Assistance Act of  
1975  
Americans with Disabilities Act  
(ADA)  
Don't Ask, Don't Tell  
Defense of Marriage Act  
(DOMA)

#### IDEAS

Aztlán  
Civil Union

#### COURT CASES

Mendez v. Westminster  
Hernandez v. Texas  
Madrigal v. Quilligan  
Obergefell v. Hodges

#### EVENTS

Chicano Movement  
Occupation of Alcatraz  
Island  
Trail of Broken Treaties  
Occupation of Wounded  
Knee  
Capitol Crawl  
Lavender Scare  
Stonewall Inn Riots  
AIDS Memorial Quilt

#### SCIENCE

AIDS

### ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Activist:** a militant reformer

**Anthropologist:** a social scientist specializing in the  
study of humanity

**Bilingual:** using or knowing two languages

**Categorize:** place into or assign to a class

**Disgruntled:** in a state of sulky dissatisfaction

**Empowerment:** the act of conferring legality or  
sanction or formal warrant

**Fraught:** filled with or attended with

**Graffiti:** artwork or messages illegally painted on walls

**Indigenous:** originating where it is found

**Inequity:** injustice by virtue of not conforming with  
standards

**Intravenous:** within or by means of a vein

**Mistreatment:** the practice of regarding (someone or  
something) badly

**Moratorium:** suspension of an ongoing activity

**Perpetuate:** cause to continue or prevail

**Primordial:** having existed from the beginning

**Slur:** insult

**Sterilize:** make free from bacteria

**Supervisor:** one who has charge and direction of

**Transfusion:** the introduction of blood or plasma into a  
vein or artery

**Willpower:** ability to control your own behavior

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