

Key Words & Sample Questions

In Class Notes: Civil Rights Movement in the US after WWII

President Truman actively supported civil rights legislation

NAACP, CORE

President Eisenhower was less supportive. Nonetheless, CORE & the NAACP continued with their protests. Example: With the assistance of the NAACP, the parents of Linda Brown sued the Topeka, Kansas school system and won.

Brown vs. Board of Ed

Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1956

December 1955: Rosa Parks refuses to get up and sit at the back of the bus. Her consequent arrest led to a massive bus boycott → led to desegregation of public transportation.

MLK Jr. & “non-violent” marches
See text 108-156

Martin Luther King, Jr. emerges as the leader and voice of the civil rights struggle. He practiced “non-violent resistance.”

What does X stand for???

Another powerful figure was Malcolm X – his philosophy was more militant.

‘Southern Manifesto’
-Little Rock, AK school incident

US Congressmen from former Confederate States sign the “Southern Manifesto” – vow to battle the Supreme Court’s decision on desegregation at schools. Incident at Little Rock, Arkansas: school officials refuse to admit black students. President Eisenhower sends in federal troops.

Civil Rights Act of 1957

Liberals in the Congress introduce the Civil Rights Act in 1957.

1960 Sit-ins in Greensborough, NC

4 black college students sit at segregated lunch counters. They were arrested. This generated many more similar protests.

Freedom Rides, 1961

Interracial groups decided to travel from the North to the South via bus to test whether or not the Supreme Court’s decision holds. They are met with great resistance.

Birmingham, Alabama protests 1963

Chief of Police “Bull” Connor orders firefighters to turn powerful hoses and attack dogs on non-violent protesters. Violence draws national attention.

Why didn't he do this

IFK finally passes Civil Rights Act of 1963

NOTETAKING

Below you will find an example of note-taking written in the Cornell Method.

Summary: - The war helped break up discrimination and pushed the country further along the road to equal rights