A Time for Justice Video Questions

You may answer questions 1 – 21 in notes or bullets form. However, question 22 must be answered in complete and thoughtful sentences.

1955 – Murder of Emmett Till

1. How old was Emmett Till? Why was he murdered?

2. Emmett Till’s mother wanted an open casket funeral for her son. How did this help the movement?

3. Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam were identified as the killers and even admitted to the murder, but the all white jury took only one hour to declare them not guilty. What does this tell you?

1955 / 1956 – Arrest of Rosa Parks / Montgomery Bus Boycott

4. What happened in Montgomery that brought Blacks together to protest their Treatment?

1957 – Integration of Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas

5. What did the mob at Central High School do to the nine Black students who tried to integrate the school in Little Rock Arkansas?

6. How did the nine teenagers typically get to school?

1960 – Sit-ins

7. The Little Rock Nine inspired young college students to action. What was the first thing they organized in the winter of 1960?

8. What did the white people in the restaurants do to the peaceful protestors?

9. What philosophy did the Civil Rights Movement use?
1961 – Freedom Rides

10. In Virginia and the Carolinas, the Freedom Riders suffered intimidations. However, what happened once they got to the Deep South? What happened when the Freedom Riders got to Montgomery, Alabama? What happened in Jackson, Mississippi?

1963 – Martin Luther King, Jr. writes his famous “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”

11. What is the message of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”?

1963 – Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama

12. Who was killed in the Sunday morning bombing at the Birmingham Sixteenth Baptist Church? Who did the bombing?

1964 – Voter Registration Drives in the South

13. In 1964 hundreds of students from the North traveled to Mississippi to help Blacks register to vote. Why were Blacks afraid to register to vote?

14. Why were Whites so against Blacks having the right to vote?

1964 – Murder of civil rights workers in Philadelphia, Mississippi

15. What happened to Michael Schwerner, James Chaney and Andrew Goodman? Why did their deaths cause national attention?

16. What did the FBI find when they were dragging the river looking for the three young men?

17. Were the men charged with their murder convicted?

18. In Marion Alabama 50 percent of the eligible voting population was black, but what percentage of them registered to vote?

1965 – Murder of Jimmie Lee Jackson

19. Who was Jimmie Lee Jackson trying to protect when was killed?
1965 – Selma to Montgomery March known as “Bloody Sunday”

20. What was Bloody Sunday?

21. How do you think the viewing public might have reacted across the country when they saw news footage of “Bloody Sunday” on TV?

Final Analysis (1955 – 1965)

22. In your opinion, between 1955 and 1965 how successful was the Civil Rights Movement? How successful were the strategies of nonviolence and civil disobedience? Explain your answer and your reasoning.