

**ACTIVITY TWO: LEARNING WITH THE FILM**

1. In the beginning, the film shows business signs that tell how Blacks and Whites were segregated. What do the signs say?
  
2. What single act wrote black people out of the political system?
  
3. How old was Emmett Till? Why was he murdered?
  
4. Emmett Till was from Chicago. Why is this significant?
  
5. What was the race of the jury for the Emmett Till trial? Why was this important?
  
6. Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam were identified as the killers and even admitted to the murder, but the all-white jury took only an hour to declare them not guilty.
  
7. What race were the bus drivers of the all-black routes? How did they treat the paying customers? If passengers didn't do what the drivers said, what would happen?
  
8. What did Blacks do instead of taking the bus?
  
9. What did the mob at Central High School do to the nine black students who tried to integrate the school in Little Rock, Ark.?
  
10. One of the Little Rock Nine, as they were known, said that going to school everyday was like going to war everyday. What did he mean by this?

## Questions 1

11. What did the white people in the restaurants do to the peaceful protesters?
12. What philosophy did the Movement use?
13. Who set the bus on fire?
14. What happened when the Freedom Riders got to Montgomery?
15. What happened to the Freedom Riders in Jackson, Miss.?
16. In 1964 hundreds of students from the North traveled to Mississippi to help Blacks register to vote. How were they first received? Why? What were Blacks afraid would happen if they registered to vote?
17. Why do you think the four- or five-page test to register to vote was so difficult to pass?
18. When the FBI was dragging the river looking for these three men, who did they find?
19. In Marion, Ala., 50% of the eligible voting population was black, but what percentage of them were registered to vote?
20. At Jackson's funeral, how long did the mourners walk in the rain before they could get to the Blacks-only cemetery?
21. What was "Bloody Sunday"?
22. Who do you see participating in this last march to from Selma?

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1. What was the average yearly income for a black person in Mississippi in the 1950s?
2. What does it mean to do “a white man’s work at a black man’s wages”?
3. What does it mean in the film when it says that Mose Wright “knew his place”?
4. What did Emmett Till’s mother ask to be done at his funeral? Why was this important to the Movement?
5. Where were Blacks in the courtroom during the Emmett Till trial? What does this tell you?
6. A few months later, Blacks met at Holt Street Baptist Church in Montgomery to discuss their continued abuse. What event had happened only a few days earlier that prompted this meeting?
7. How old was Martin Luther King Jr. when he was chosen to lead the Montgomery Bus Boycott?
8. How many days did Blacks stay off of the buses?
9. How did the nine teenagers typically get to school?
10. The Little Rock Nine inspired young college students to action. What was the first thing they organized in the winter of 1960?
11. The video shows footage of white people violently beating peaceful black protesters, but when people are arrested, who is taken to jail? Why do you think this is so?

## Questions 2

12. In Virginia and the Carolinas, the Freedom Riders suffered intimidation, but what happened once they got to the Deep South?
13. What happened to the riders of the second bus?
14. One of the Freedom Riders said “our bodies became living witnesses to the cause of human dignity.” What does this mean?
15. Who was killed in the Sunday morning bombing at the Birmingham Sixteenth Street Baptist Church? Who did the bombing?
16. Why were Whites against Blacks having the right to vote?
17. What happened to James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner? Why did their deaths bring national attention?
18. Who was charged with the killing of the three civil rights workers? Were they convicted?
19. Who was Jimmy Lee Jackson trying to protect when he was killed?
20. What did Jackson’s tombstone say?
21. Who do you see participating in this last march from Selma?