BAYARD RUSTIN: THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL AND GAY RIGHTS

Exploring Vocabulary

Read the first seven paragraphs of the article “Gays are the New Niggers.” While reading underline these words: heterosexist, appropriating, pacifism, Gandhian and villainized. Then, write the sentence where the word is used. After reading the selected excerpt, discuss as a class how each word is used and summarize the discussion. Last, define each term using your own words, and explain how it applies to Bayard Rustin’s life and activism. Remember to use complete sentences.

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Sentence from Text that Uses Word__________________________________________________________
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Summary of Class Discussion_______________________________________________________________
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Your Definition and Relevance to Rustin’s Life_______________________________________________
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APPROPRIATING
Sentence from Text that Uses Word________________________________________________________
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American civil rights activist
Your Definition and Relevance to Rustin’s Life

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VILLAINIZED
Sentence from Text that Uses Word

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