

Eyes on the Prize – Emmett Till
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Directions: Please try to answer the following questions as you watch the video.

1. There were _____ lynchings in Mississippi in recent years.
2. Who was Emmett Till and what happened to him in the summer of 1955?
3. What relation was Mose Wright to Emmett Till? His _____.
4. How did Mamie Till Bradley ensure that her son's death meant something?
5. What was the impact of Till's murder on African-Americans nationwide?
6. What was Roy Bryant (the husband of the woman in the store) and J.W. Milam's (her brother-in-law) defense? What did their lawyers argue?
7. Why was Mose Wright decision to testify in the trial so significant and heroic?
8. What was the outcome of the trial? GUILTY / NOT GUILTY
9. Why did J.W. Milam tell a reporter that he "had" to kill Till? What error did young Till make?

Eyes on the Prize – Integration of Little Rock High School

1. What did the 8 black students who traveled to school together on the first day experience when they got there?
 - a. What happened to the ninth student, Elizabeth Eckford?

2. What did President Eisenhower do to enforce the law in Little Rock?
3. Where were the troops unable to protect the black students?
4. Why was Minnie Jean Brown expelled from Little Rock High School?
5. How did white students respond to the integration of Little Rock High School?
6. What happened to Little Rock High School the next year?

“Eyes on the Prize: The Sit-ins”

1. DEFINE: sit-in
2. What did the students do to prepare for the sit-ins? What training did they have in non-violent direct action?
3. How did whites respond to the sit-ins?
4. What were the students convicted of?
5. What did the larger black community do to support the students?
6. Were the sit-ins successful in desegregating the city’s lunch counters? YES / NO

“Eyes on the Prize: Birmingham, 1963”
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1. Who was **Eugene “Bull” Connor**?
2. Why did MLK write the **“Letter from a Birmingham Jail”**? What was its purpose?
3. How did activists’ decision to get children involved help the cause?
4. Connor’s response to protests (arrests and other tactics)
5. Were the protests and violence in Birmingham ultimately successful? YES / NO
6. 8 days after the protests started, the business community agreed to compromise, desegregating the downtown lunch counters and agreeing to hire blacks. What was the KKK’s response to the compromise?
7. What was JFK’s response to the violence in Birmingham?
8. **March on Washington** (August 28, 1963)
 - a. What was the purpose of the March on Washington?
9. What happened at the **16th Street Baptist Church** (in Birmingham) 18 days later?
10. How did SNCC respond to the bombing?

“Eyes on the Prize: Power and the Vote”

1. **Freedom Summer** (Summer of 1964)
 - a. What was the goal?

 - b. Who participated?

2. What happened to Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, James Chaney in June 1964?
 - a. What impact did the disappearance/murders of the 3 civil rights workers have on other volunteers/activists?

3. What programs did the volunteers set up when they arrived in Mississippi in July 1964?

4. What did the newly signed **Civil Rights Act of 1964** do?
 - a. What did the Civil Rights Act NOT cover?

5. At the August 7th funeral in Meridian, Mississippi, a CORE worker spoke passionately about what he called the **“living dead”** – what or who does this refer to?

6. Was anyone ever brought to trial and/or convicted for the murder of the 3 civil rights workers? YES / NO
 - a. The sentences ranged from _____ years in prison to a fine.