

Essay Questions for Essay #5

1. Examine the changing role of African-Americans in the nation's economic, social, and political life from 1900 to 1968.
2. Examine the contention that President Lyndon Johnson did far more in practice than Martin Luther King for the civil rights of African-Americans.
3. Why were the civil rights of Native Americans largely overlooked for most of the period 1895–1968?
4. Compare Martin Luther King and Malcolm X as leaders of the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.
5. 'Without the Supreme Court's favourable decisions, the advances made by the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s would not have been possible.' How far do you agree with this judgement?
6. In what ways did the social and economic position of African-Americans change between 1901 and 1968?
7. 'The role of Malcolm X in securing African-American civil rights has been consistently underestimated.' How far do you agree with this judgement?
8. Why did it take so long to secure effective implementation of African-American civil rights in the period 1895–1968?
9. 'Although highly skilled in self-promotion and networking with politicians and the media, Martin Luther King's role in obtaining civil rights for African-Americans has been overstated.' Discuss this view.
10. Analyse the principal factors which secured major successes for the Civil Rights movement between 1945 and 1968.
11. Compare and contrast the impact of the First and Second World Wars on African Americans.
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