I. Civil Rights Movement (1954-68)

A. Directed at de jure segregation in south

1. legal and formal segregation

2. de facto segregation

B. de jure segregation

1. political disenfranchisement

a. 15th amendment 1870

b. methods

i. poll tax

ii. literacy test

iii. grandfather clause

iv. exclusionary primaries

v. voter registration

2. segregation of public and private space and facilities

a. public space

i. parks

ii. swimming pools

iii. restrooms and water fountains

b. public facilities

i. libraries,

ii. schools,

iii. hospitals

iv. Churches

c. private businesses

i. lunch counters

ii. stores

iii. theaters

iv. hotels

3. segregation of economic sphere/work

a. blacks in low wage sector

b. "whites only" in classified

4. segregation in housing

a. all white and all black areas

b. redlining

5. low status behavior

C. Enforcement

1. law of the land: Plessy vs Ferguson

2. state and local laws

3. municipal ordinances

4. Violence

a. police

b. ritual of lynching

c. "sundown towns"

d. white riots Tulsa

D. Lack of justice

1. 1870-1965 the government ignored the fact of

political disenfranchisement

a. no president

b. no Congress

c. no Supreme Court

2. Lynching was not a crime

3. Woodrow Wilson

4. Warren G. Harding

5. Truman's Civil Rights Commission

II. Movement

A. 1954 Supreme Court Brown vs Board of Education

1. strikes down Plessy

a. "separate but equal" is inherently "unequal"

b. "all deliberate speed"

2. How?

a. May 1955

b. "prompt and reasonable compliance"

c. excluded segregated suburbs

2. "southern manifesto" 101 congressmen 1956

3. White Citizens Councils to fight for de jure segregation in south

4. 1957-60: only 49 schools attempted integration

B. 1955 Rosa Parks and Montgomery Bus Boycott

1. Boycotters walked to work

a. early limited demands

i. courtesy

ii. black drivers in black neighborhoods

iii. easing of segregation but not end

b. later full integration

2. Government unsympathetic:

a. injunction

b. boycott/injunction

3. federal government - absent

a. civil rights movement threatened democratic party

b. afraid to lose Southern Democrats or Dixiecrats

4. Nov 1956: won US supreme court and integrated

5. External pressure

a. cold war

b. winning the hearts and minds of Third World

C. 1957 desegregate Central High School in Little Rock, Ark

1. harass one lonely girl, Ike force to bring in paratroopers

2. Faubus closed schools for rest of year

3. power of television

4. US Constitution

D. Sit-ins at segregated lunch counters

1. 4 students in 1960 at Greensboro, NC

2. harassed by whites, verbal and physical abuse

3. by end of year 70,000

E. Emergence of civil rights groups with broad popular base

1. CORE, SNCC, SCLC

2. non-violent civil disobedience or direct action

a. if laws and policies and institutions reflect social

injustice all have moral obligation to change them

b. force a confrontation to make injustice visible

i. mass violation of laws and codes

ii. boycotts, demonstrations, marches

iii. mass voter registrations

iv. freedom rides

c. to show it is so important one is willing to go to jail

d. disrupt the system so that it has difficulty functioning

e. goal:

i. win over population

ii. win over enemy who is victim of system that

dehumanizes

iii. establish just order

F. Freedom Rides- CORE

1. make sure govt was upholding integration laws

on interstate travel

2. Black and white college students required whites

to ride Alabama 1961

G. Voter registration

1. extremely dangerous

2. threats and intimidation and violence

3. Selma to Montgomery - Bloody Sunday 1965

a. long lines for hours, come back next day

b. no food or water

3. Freedom Summer 1964 -Mississippi Burning

a. James Chaney

b. Andrew Goodman

c. Michael Schwerner

d. beaten by police and KKK

e. FBI

H. Marches, demonstrations, picketing

1. mass arrests and violence

a. Birmingham 63

b. Albany, Georgia 61-62

2. leaders killed, King, Medgar Evers

I. How did US institutions respond?

1. Ike and Kennedy, resisted helping

2. COINTELPRO

a. target King

b. help KKK