The U.S. Citizenship Test
As a Window into Advanced Civics

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Civil Rights Movement

Timeline
1. 1948 - President Truman’s Executive Order desegregating the Armed Services.
2. 1955 - Emmett Till murder in Mississippi
3. 1955 - Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Prompts year-long bus boycott.
4. 1957 - meeting among pastors and civil rights leaders (including Martin Luther King, Jr.) in Atlanta to coordinate nonviolent protests.
5. Thoreau - Ghandi - King (peaceful resistance)
6. 1960 - sit-ins at Woolworth’s “whites only” lunch counter (North Carolina)
7. 1961 - freedom riders in the South (TN State University)
8. 1963 - Governor Wallace blocks black students from registering at University of Alabama.
9. 1963 - March on Washington - “I have a dream” speech.
11. 1965 - Malcolm X is assassinated.
12. 1965 - Bloody Sunday - March to Selma
13. 1965 - Voting Rights Act of 1965
14. Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated
Geographical Trivia
1. Continental Divide
2. Great Lakes
3. 3 Grand Divisions of Tennessee
4. Longest River in America - Missouri
5. State with smallest population
6. Route 66 - Main Street of America (Chicago - ending in Los Angeles)
7. Where is Death Valley?
8. Location of 1st shot in Revolutionary War
9. New Madrid Seismic Zone
10. Reelfoot Lake