US History Topic 11 – American Civil Rights Points Possible: 25 pts

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*Directions:

Log on to the website, navigate to the Assignments page, and click on the link "A Time for Justice" Documentary under Topic 11.

*Introduction - It has been more than half a century since many of the major events of the modern civil rights movement, and the civil rights movement transformed the country. Through the persistent use of nonviolent strategies—including marches, court cases, boycotts and civil disobedience—brave black and white Americans joined forces to pursue the legal equality that the Constitution guarantees to all persons. The video *A Time for Justice* provides a brief overview of some of the major aspects of the civil rights movement from 1954 to 1964, and will cover in order:

- 1. The Murder of Emmett Till
- 2. Montgomery Bus Boycott
- 3. Integration of Little Rock Central High School
- 4. Lunch-counter sit-ins
- 5. Freedom Rides
- 6. Birmingham, AL
 - a. Demonstrations
 - b. "Letter from a Birmingham Jail"
 - c. Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church
- 7. Voting Rights Actions
 - a. Registration drive
 - b. Murder of civil rights workers
 - c. Bloody Sunday

*Questions from the Film:

1. Describe the conditions facing African-Americans by the 1950s:

2. Choose ONE moment in the Civil Rights Movement where whites tried to harass or were violent with civil rights activists, and describe what they did to those activists:

3. Describe the goals of the Civil Rights Movement:

4. What were the strategies of some of the participants in the Civil Rights Movement?

- 5. Choose ONE of the events described in the film and write a paragraph response in the FIRST PERSON as if you were one of the civil rights activists participating in that event. Your response should describe all of the following with detail:
 - a. What significant moment or event of the Civil Rights Movement are you participating in?
 - b. Why do you feel it is necessary to support the Civil Rights Movement?
 - c. What happened to you and your fellow activists during this event?
 - d. What did you hope to achieve or accomplish, and how successful were you?