

US HISTORY

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Topic 11 – American Civil Rights Movement

Points Possible: 25 pts

***Selma* Discussion Prompts**

***Directions:** As you watch the movie *Selma*, answer the following questions.

1. What is the biggest issue that the Civil Rights activists were trying to achieve as they organized in Selma, Alabama?
2. One of the basic tenets of nonviolent direct action is to make the oppressor face the inconsistency between the oppressors' ideals and the oppressors' actions. How did the Selma march use this principle?
3. Describe the FBI's abuse of power in their efforts to "neutralize" Dr. King as an African American leader and defame the Civil Rights Movement.
4. How did Sheriff Jim Clark and Governor George Wallace actually help the Civil Rights Movement?

5. What part(s) of this film did you find the most revealing, intriguing, or enlightening about the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s? Describe a scene or multiple scenes that made an impression upon you.