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**Final Exam Assessment: Civil Rights Biography Project**

**Big Question**: How can individual citizens create change in their societies?

**Historical Focus**: Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement

**Task**: In order to answer the big question above, you will research a person who was an influential figure within the Civil Rights movement and create a small poster (or single-sheet document) that represents this person’s achievements. Think of it like an informational exhibit on this person’s that you might see in a museum.

**Requirements**: Your poster (or typed single-sheet document) should include the following:

* Name of your leader
* Photographs of your leader –
  + One headshot (like a school or drivers license photo)
  + At least one photo of them in action, including a caption in which you explain what is happening in the photo
* Basic biographical information
  + Lifespan dates
  + Places they lived/worked
  + Formal titles/jobs held
* Description of their role in the Civil Rights Movement, including
  + What group(s) or organization(s) was your leader part of? What was that group known for?
  + What methods did your leader use to change their society?
  + What changes did your leader *want* to see enacted in their society?
  + What changes (in laws or in attitudes) did your leader achieve?
* MLA-style bibliography of sources used (just citations, no annotations needed)

**Process**:

1. Choose a person to research (options on back of this sheet)
2. Create place to gather information from research (I suggest giving yourself questions to answer)
3. Find sources and gather information, including source citations
4. Type your notes in a clean, error-free, and organized fashion
5. Assemble your exhibit (either by constructing a small poster or by formatting things together in a Word or GoogleDoc)

**Recommended sources**: (the articles on these sites are all written for a popular audience but are detailed and cite more authoritative sources)

[Blackpast.org](http://www.blackpast.org/view/vignettes_people) – large online reference center on African American history

[MLK Jr. Institute and Education Center](https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/encyclopedia) – encyclopedia on this site has articles on many civil rights-related topics, including people

[SNCC Digital Gateway](https://snccdigital.org/category/people/) – features profiles of many SNCC activists and other civil rights leaders

**DUE DATE: Due by the end of your exam block on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| Involved in Selma March  Andrew Young  Ralph Abernathy  Hosea Williams  John Lewis  Diane Nash  Amelia Boynton  Bernard Lafayette  Colia Liddell Lafayette  James Forman  Frederick Reese  Mainstream Civil Rights Movement activists  (NAACP/SNCC/SCLC/CORE)  Fannie Lou Hamer  Rosa Parks  Bayard Rustin  Dorothy Height  Gloria Richardson  Roy Wilkins  Julian Bond  Whitney Young  A. Philip Randolph  Juanita Jones Abernathy  Dorothy Cotton  Thurgood Marshall  Daisy Bates  Bernice Johnson Reagon  Medgar Evers  Ella Baker  James Meredith | More radical activists  (e.g. Black Panthers)  Stokely Carmichael  Malcolm X  Huey Newton  Fred Hampton  Angela Davis  Earlier Civil Rights Activists  Ida B. Wells  Booker T. Washington  Mary McLeod Bethune  Marcus Garvey |