

Current Event Analysis

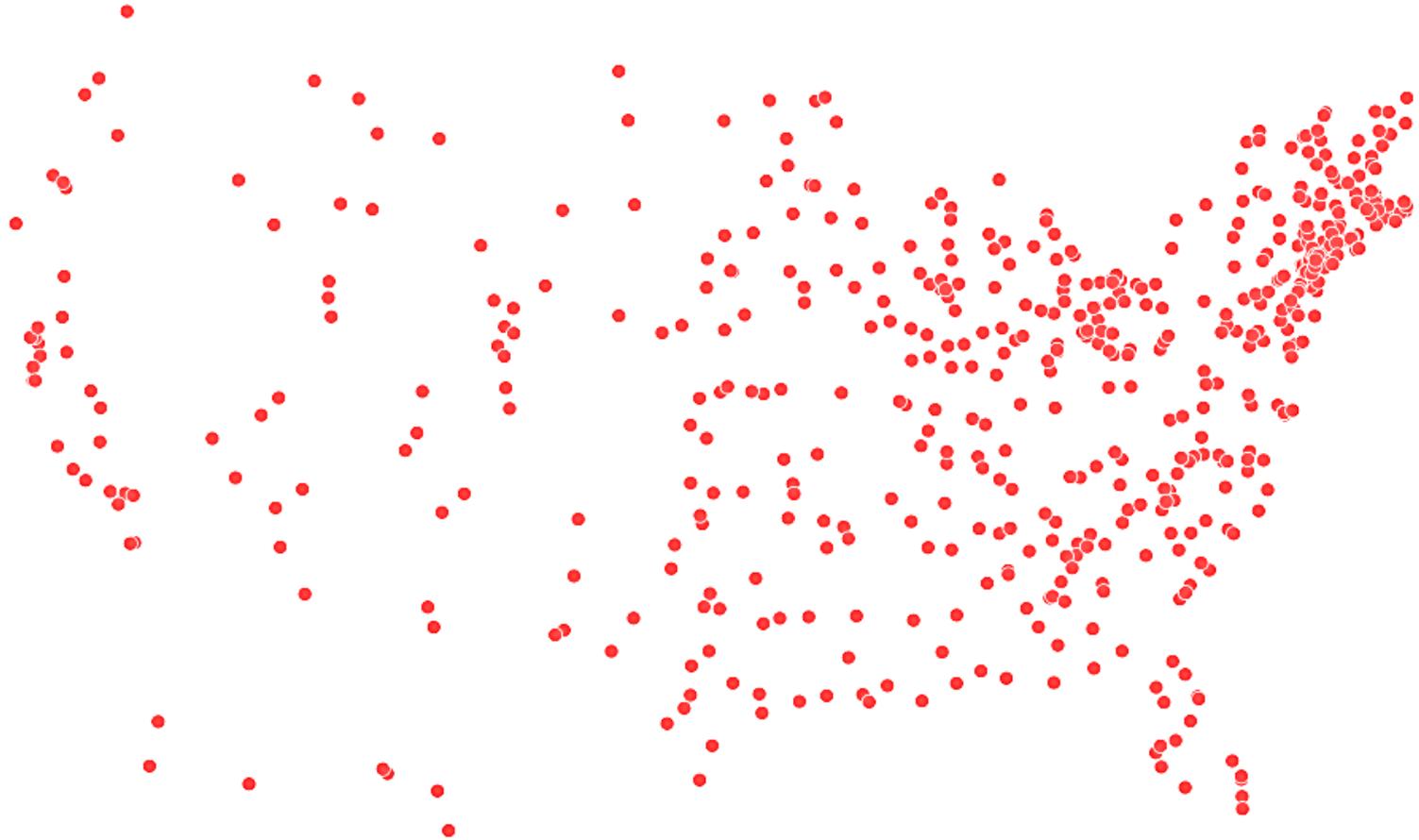
What do you know about the death of George Floyd?



How would you describe the reaction?

Nationwide outrage

George Floyd's death in police custody sparked more than 550 protests, rallies and vigils across the country.



How do 2020 protest relate to 1963?



Watch the speech:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smEqnnkIfYs>



I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.'

Do you think the goals of the Civil Rights Movement have been achieved? To what extent?

How Many Goals of MLK and the Civil Rights Movement Have Been Achieved?

	Total	Whites	Blacks
All/most	43%	45%	27%
Only some	51%	49%	67%
Almost none	3%	1%	5%

SOURCE: CBS News

What do these poll results reveal?

Analyzing I Have a Dream...Pair/Group Discussion



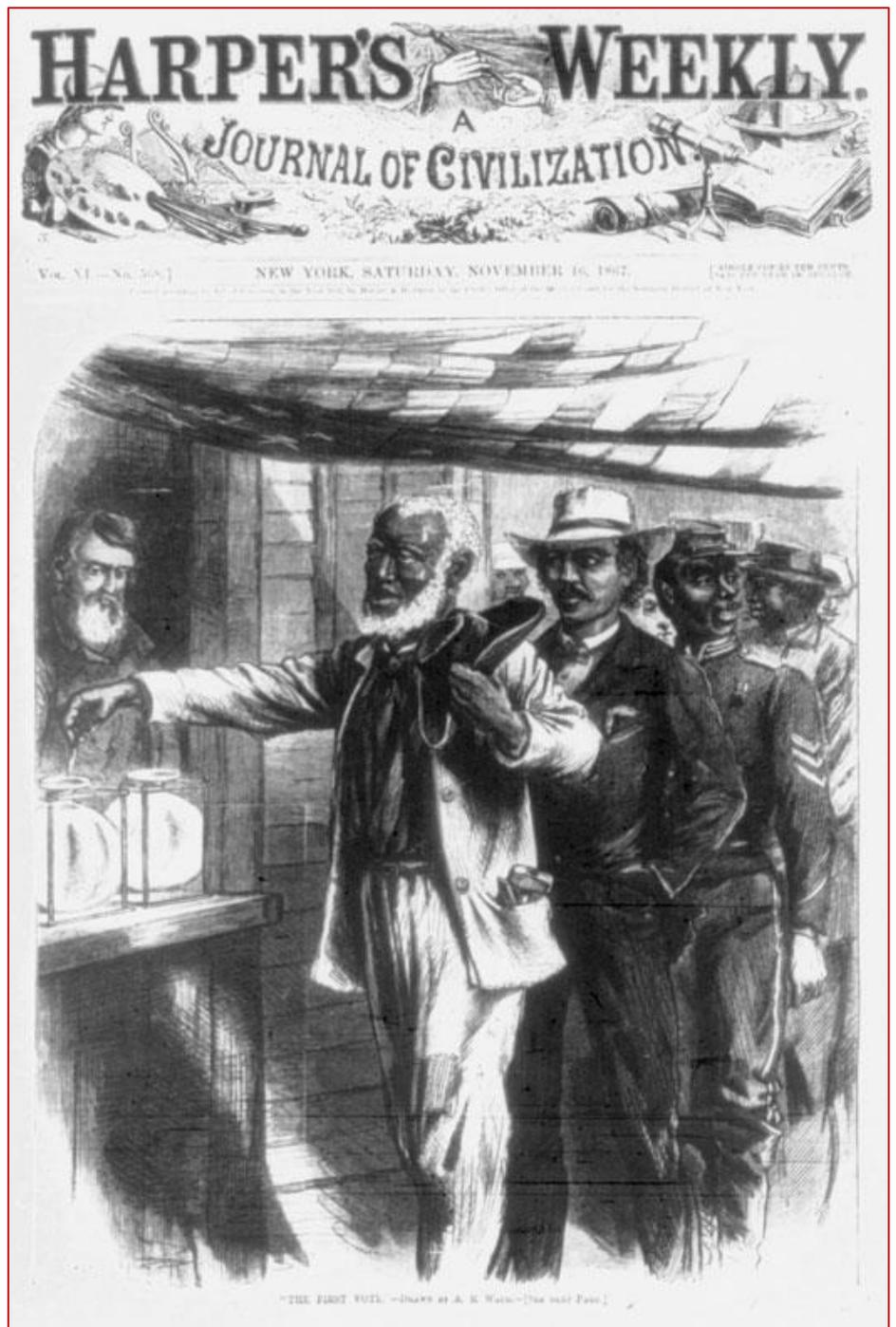
With your partner or group, discuss each of the following:

1. What was the historical situation? What is the historical context... why is the event, the March on Washington, historically significant? (Can you connect it to BLM?)
2. What was the author's point of view regarding the U.S. creed of "all men are created equal?"
3. What was the author's purpose?
4. What was the intended audience?
5. ... after identifying the *HIPP*... explain how or why.

Continuing the Connections

HIPP the document... explain how or why

Source: *Harper's Weekly*, November 16, 1867, "The First Vote," drawn by A.R. Waud



Continuing the Connections

Source: James Warren, newspaper editor, essay in the *Republican Centinel* during the debate in Massachusetts over ratifying the United States Constitution, 1788.

[By] the provision in the [constitutional] system for a representation of the people, which is the corner stone of a free government . . . , fifty thousand slaves, having neither liberty or property, will have a representative in that branch of the legislature [the House of Representatives]. . . . Should it be said, that not the slaves but their masters are to send a representative, the answer is plain: If the slaves have a right to be represented, they are on a footing with freemen. . . . What covenant [agreement] are the freemen of Massachusetts about to ratify? A covenant that will degrade them to the level of slaves. . . . Is this an equal, a safe, or a righteous plan of government?

HIPP the document... & explain how or why

Continuing the Connections

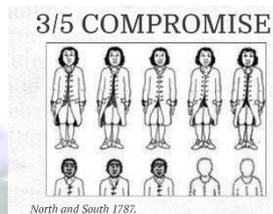


A ship “brought not any thing but 20. and odd Negroes” to Virginia in late August 1619 after capturing them from a slave ship bound for Spanish colonies. Painting of the arrival of the first Africans arriving in Virginia, Sydney King

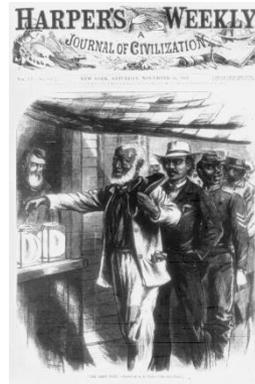
HIPP the image!

For enrichment, read more at <https://www.nps.gov/jame/learn/historyculture/african-americans-at-jamestown.htm>

To what extent did the Modern Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's maintain continuity and foster change in the lives of African Americans?



North and South 1787.



1619

1787

1867

★1963

2020

Discuss with your partner or group how you would address this prompt.

Evaluate these samples!

Read each sample and discuss with your partner or group the approach taken.

Sample Thesis Statements:

Although the Modern Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's maintained continuity because many of its goals are still being sought in modern times, it fostered change to a greater extent because it created momentum leading to desegregation and voting rights for African Americans.

The Modern Civil Rights Movement fostered change, because it led to major changes such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, it maintained continuity to greater extent because African Americans are still fighting against bias and discrimination as can be seen in the modern day Black Lives Matter movement.

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Sample Contextualizations:

Slavery began in the British North American colonies in 1619. The use of slaves escalated overtime, eventually becoming the primary source of labor on Southern plantations. Slaves were treated as property until the institution ended in 1865. This historical context relates to the topic of the Modern Civil Rights Movement, because the racism and discrimination that the movement aimed to end had its roots in slavery.

In 2020 the murder of George Floyd began a massive movement of protests against police brutality and other forms of discrimination. Many of the protests in 2020 aim to end racial discrimination. This historical context relates to the Modern Civil Rights Movement, because many of the goals are similar such as fighting against police brutality.

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Sample Body Paragraphs for LEQ – defending argument with evidence:

The Modern Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's maintained continuity in the lives of African Americans because many of its goals are still being sought in modern times. The murder of George Floyd in 2020 illustrated one of many examples of police brutality in American history. Despite the accomplishments of the movement, events that were seen often in the past are still occurring. Modern movements such as BLM still fight for reduced prejudice.

The Modern Civil Rights Movement fostered change in the lives of African Americans to a great extent, because following events such as Martin Luther King's March on Washington, new legislation was passed ensuring protection of civil and voting rights for African Americans. Voter turnout increased as did the number of African Americans serving in public office. Voter suppression tactics like poll taxes and literacy tests were also removed, increasing the liberty for Blacks.

Evaluate these samples!

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Sample Document Usage for DBQ writing:

The Modern Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's fostered change. In the political cartoon, "The First Vote," Black men are seen proudly casting their votes in an election. This relates to the topic of African Americans, because it marks an important turning point in their civil rights. The historical situation of the cartoon was post Civil War Reconstruction which included the end of slavery and Black men receiving the right to vote. This right was enjoyed for only a short while. When Reconstruction ended many states created new policies to suppress the right to vote. This situation is relevant to the argument that the CRM fostered change, because the failure of Reconstruction progress regarding voting rights was conquered during the 1960's with new legislation. Therefore, the CRM fostered change by decreasing voter suppression among African Americans.

Closure

In your journal or using Flipgrid, record your thoughts on George Floyd's murder and its connections to earlier events in U.S. history.

Then, address the short answer question in Canvas. (submit your answers in Canvas)

- a. Briefly explain ONE way the Constitution of the United States addressed the institution of slavery.**
- b. Briefly explain ONE similarity between Reconstruction and the Modern Civil Rights Movement.**
- c. Briefly explain ONE way the issue of racial discrimination continues to affect the United States.**