St. Benet Biscop Catholic Academy – Humanities Faculty Knowledge Organiser- Year 10

Topic: Paper Three. The USA conflict at home and abroad, 1954-1975

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Key event timeline- Reactions to, and the end of, US involvement in Vietnam, 1964-75		
195 4	Brown VS Topeka case. Rules that separate is not equal.	
195 5	Emmett Till murdered and body featured on the cover of Jet magazine. Rosa parks arrested for refusing to give up her seat on segregated bus. Montgomery bus boycott begins, black people refuse to use bus services financially crippling to companies involved.	
195 7	Sounding of the SCLC Little Rock High school crisis. Elizabeth Eckford is forced to turn around when trying to take up her place in a previously all white school. Civil Rights Act.	
196 0	Greensboro sit ins begin SNCC set up.	
196 1	Kennedy becomes president. Freedom rides test desegregation on buses.	
196 2	James Meredith enrols at University of Mississippi. He has to be offered guards to take up his place.	
196 3	Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream speech' Kennedy assassinated.	
196 4	Freedom summer in Mississippi. Civil Rights Act	
196 5	Assassination of Malcolm X Selma to Montgomery protest March Voting Rights Act	
196 6	Black Panthers set up	
196 8	Martin Luther King assassinated Kerner report on riots in the North.	





Enquiry questions

- What were conditions like for black people in America?
- What impact did the peaceful protest movement have?
- Did the Black power movement help the Civil Rights movement
- How important were Martin Luther King and Malcolm X? ?

Useful websites

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/history/20th_cen tury/civil_rights_movement_america/revision/5/

Exam question stems

What can you infer from the source about... (4)
Explain why... (12)
How useful.... (8)
How do the interpretations differ?
Why do the interpretations differ?
How far do you agree with interpretation... about.... (16)

Selected key words and definitions			
Segregatio n	Separating groups by race or religion		
Discriminat ion	Treating people unfairly because of race or religion.		
Jim Crow Laws	Laws that varied from state to state but separated black and white people.		
Ku Klux Klan	Group who persecuted Jews, Catholics, communists and anyone who was not white.		
Civil Rights Activist	Someone who campaigns for equal rights and tries to persuade others to do the same.		
Integration	When black and white people share facilities.		
Boycott	To refuse service.		
Sit in	Sitting down and refusing to move		
Filibuster	Tactic used by politicians- they talk for so long that a bill cannot be voted on.		
SCLC	Southern Christian Leadership Council		
Black nationalis m	Believed that black people would never be equal in integrated communities . Wanted to create a separate black nation.		
Militant	In favour of confrontation or violence		

