

# Great Moments in Civil Rights Commission

## Background

The Civil Rights Movement was a passionate, long fight towards African Americans gaining their political freedom. African Americans used strong organization and nonviolent tactics to confront the South's policies of segregation and racial inequality. As the movement moved forward, Civil Rights activists broke down numerous racial barriers through continued social protest and the prompting of landmark legislation.

## Task

You have been selected to serve on the Great Moments in Civil Rights Commission! Your committee has been tasked with establishing the most important and influential event of the Civil Rights Movement (1950 to 1963). As a commissioner, you must *research* a nominated event and *prepare* a **digital movie** that will *effectively* persuade other members of the Civil Rights Commission to select your event *as the most significant to the Civil Rights Movement*. **The winning group will receive bonus points!**

**But, there is a catch!** You will not be available to speak on behalf of our event; your event must be presented using **only visual technology**. Therefore, your presentation must be interactive and emotionally meaningful!

This is your Unit III assessment.  
It will be worth 75 points.  
★ DUE May 19<sup>th</sup> ★

## Graded Components

<b>Research</b> 15 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limited amount of time will be given in class.</li><li>• <b>Schedule:</b> Monday (5/11), Wednesday (5/13)</li></ul>
<b>Exhibition</b> 15 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Component I:</b> One-sided handout</li><li>• <i>Must be handed in or emailed to Miss Brown by May 18th</i></li><li>• <b>Component II:</b> Presentation material (Digital Movie)</li></ul>
<b>Technology</b> 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your presentation should include a Photo Story movie, but it is expected that you go <u>above</u> and <u>beyond</u> simply that.</li><li>• <b>Other Ideas:</b> Create a music video about the event, put together a photo slideshow with music ... etc ... <b>BE CREATIVE!</b></li><li>• The goal is to persuade other Commissioners that your event is the most significant.</li></ul>
<b>Team Evaluations</b> 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Teamwork is essential!</b> <i>You will evaluate the work of your group members, and they will evaluate you!</i></li><li>• Individual team-member grades will be averaged and applied to the total points for the project.</li></ul>

## Production Sequence

### Nominated Events

- Woolworth's Counter Sit-ins
- March from Selma to Montgomery
- Freedom Summer
- James Meredith and the Integration of Old 'Miss
- Birmingham Protests
- Freedom Rides
- March on Washington

Your Assigned Topic:

### STEP 1 - Collect preliminary research

1. *Collect content-specific requirements.*

- Brief summary of the event
- Circumstances leading up to and surrounding the event
- Location
- Dates
- Key players
- Goals
- Results
- Enduring Legacy (**provide evidence**)
  - Why does this event remain important today?
  - Why is it the most significant of the Civil Rights Movement?

2. *Collect relevant photos and music.*

### STEP 2 - Create a PowerPoint Slideshow highlighting your event

1. There should be a minimum of one slide per requirement listed above.
2. Add pictures, as appropriate.
3. Add other unique features to make your presentation powerful and emotionally persuasive.
4. Once you have produced your PowerPoint, PROOFREAD and make any changes/modifications to the layout.
5. Save your PowerPoint presentation as "image" files so you can use them in your digital movie.
  - ⇒ Click on the *Office Button* ⇒ *Save As* ⇒ *Other formats* ⇒ Using the drop down menu for the "Save as type", select the "**JPEG File Interchange Format**" ⇒ Name your file ⇒ Click "Save" ⇒ Click "Every Slide".
  - ⇒ Each slide of your PowerPoint was saved as an image file.
  - ⇒ *Now you are ready to create your Photo Story (step 4 below).*

### STEP 3 - Create a one-sided handout

1. *This will be used when Civil Rights Commissioners' view your presentation.*

## STEP 4 -

### Creating Your Civil Rights Video

*This can be generated using Photo Story OR Windows Movie Maker. Newer computers come pre-loaded with Windows Movie Maker. Free versions of both can be downloaded at [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com).*



**If you choose to use Photo Story, follow these guidelines.**

- **Create your Photo Story.**
  - i. Go to “Start” ⇒ “Programs” ⇒ “Photo Story 3 for Windows”.
  - ii. Select “Begin a new story” ⇒ Click “Next”.
  - iii. Click on “Import Images” to begin uploading your images.
    - 1. Locate your image folder (*the PowerPoint slides you saved as images*).
    - 2. Hold down the “Ctrl” button on the keyboard and left-click on all images.
    - 3. Release the “Ctrl” button. *All images will now be selected.* Click “OK”.
  
- **Follow these steps in Photo Story.**
  - i. **Import and arrange your pictures.**
  - ii. Select “Next”. **Add titles** (this was done in PowerPoint). Select “Next”.
  - iii. **Narrate pictures and customize motion.**
    - 1. Select pictures one at a time to add narration and customized motion.
    - 2. **RECORD NARRATION:** click the red record button and speak clearly into the microphone. You can continue to record your narration by clicking on the next image in your timeline.
      - a. **Select Preview** to view your project. *Do not skip this step.*
    - 3. **CUSTOMIZE MOTION and TRANSITIONS:**
      - a. **MOTION:** Click “*customize motion*”. Two copies of your image are displayed where your image will start and finish. You can change the start and end position by dragging and resizing each image to suit.
      - b. **TRANSITION:** Click on the “*transition tab*”. You can choose from a variety of transitions. Once you have chosen a transition, click “Save”.
        - i. You can continue to add a transition to each image slide.
      - c. **\*\*\*Once you have finished adding transitions and customizing motions, click “Close”, and then click “Next”.**
  - iv. **Add Relevant Background Music**
    - 1. This can be played throughout the story if you wish.
  - v. **Preview your story before saving.**
    - 1. Review the narration – *volume, smoothness, clarity.*
    - 2. Music – *volume should not overwhelm; music should be appropriate.*
  
- **Save your story.**
  - i. Save your project “...for playback on your computer”.
  - ii. Click *Browse* and select a file location (flash drive).
  - iii. **Click Next** ⇒ Photo Story will now publish your completed story in the format that you selected.

Voice narration is encouraged, but not required.