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### Essay Assignment on Civil Rights

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US History: 1865 to the Present  
Essay Assignment  
6 to 8 pages

The task at hand is to execute a work of analysis relying on historical sources relevant to race relations from 1954 to 1965. Explore one or more of the following themes using two or more of the following sources.

Themes:

Law  
Order  
Politics and Voting  
History  
Region  
Violence  
Religion  
Foreign Policy/Cold War

Sources:

Brown v. Board of Education, majority opinion, May 1954  
The Southern Manifesto, March 12, 1956  
Dwight Eisenhower, Speech on disturbances in Little Rock, September 24, 1957  
Martin Luther King, Letter from Birmingham Jail, April 16, 1963  
John F. Kennedy, Civil Rights Address, June 11, 1963  
Malcolm X, Ballot or the Bullet Speech, April 3 (Cleveland) and/or April 12 (Detroit), 1964  
Barry Goldwater, Acceptance Speech, Republican Convention, July 16, 1964  
Fannie Lou Hamer, Testimony before Democratic Convention Credentials Committee, August 22, 1964  
Lyndon Johnson, Address to Congress, March 15, 1965  
Phone Conversation Between Martin Luther King and Lyndon Johnson discussing Watts Riots, August 20, 1965

Brown v. Board of Ed opinion

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/347/483>

Brown II opinion

<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/349/294/>

The Southern Manifesto

<http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/marshall/manifesto.html>

Eisenhower on Little Rock

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzT5v\\_ICU6I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzT5v_ICU6I)

John F. Kennedy Civil Rights Speech

<https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-speeches/june-11-1963-address-civil-rights>

MLK Letter from Birmingham Jail

<https://swap.stanford.edu/20141218230016/http://mlk-kpp01.stanford.edu/kingweb/popular%5Frequests/frequentdocs/birmingham.pdf>

Goldwater Convention Speech

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/daily/may98/goldwaterspeech.htm>

Fannie Lou Hamer Testimony

<http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/sayitplain/flhamer.html>

Malcolm X the Ballot or the Bullet  
April 12, Detroit

<http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/blackspeech/mx.html>

April 3 Cleveland

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~public/civilrights/a0146.html>

LBJ Speech to Congress on Voting Rights

<https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-speeches/march-15-1965-speech-congress-voting-rights>

LBJ and MLK discussing Watts on the phone

<https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/educational-resources/president-johnson-and-martin-luther-king-jr-on-the-watts-riots>

LBJ address on sending troops into Detroit

<https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-speeches/july-24-1967-address-after-ordering-federal-troops-detroit>