**SAMPLE ANSWERS: The American Promise Viewing Guide**

**Directions: Use the video to answer the following questions.**

| **WHO?**  **Who are the individuals in the video?** | **WHAT?**  **Explain what’s happening in the video and what is being discussed.** |
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| **President Lyndon Johnson, Congress** | **President Johnson is giving an address to a Joint Session of Congress imploring them to pass the Voting Rights Act** |
| **WHEN?**  **When did this event take place?** | **WHY?**  **Why are the events in the video happening?** |
| **March 15, 1965** | **Many barriers (i.e. poll taxes, literacy tests) still existed that prevented minority groups such as African Americans and Native Americans from exercising their right to vote.** |

| **SIGNIFICANCE?**  **How does President Johnson’s request align with the foundational principles of the United States?** |
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| **Answers may vary but should reference things such as: equality of mankind, liberties and rights to all, consent of the governed/popular sovereignty, “secure for themselves the full blessings of American life”, etc.** |