

SAMPLE ANSWERS: The Civil Rights Movement and Media

1. What were some of the events covered by the media as a part of the Civil Rights Movement?

Some examples are The Little Rock 9, Sit-ins, and Freedom Riders.

2. How did members of the Civil Rights Movement use the media to achieve their goals?

By showing non-violent resistance to get the public's and people's attention. It put pressure on lawmakers to make a change.

3. What were some dangers faced by the people participating in the Civil Rights Movement as well as the reporters covering the movement?

People knew they could get killed in these protests; some even wrote their will to be ready if they died. Even reporters were targeted during Freedom Rides and were in danger just as much as the protesters.

4. How did those NOT in support of the Civil Right Movement view and use the media?

They were frustrated/angry that the support for those on the opposing side were being convinced/swayed by the onslaught of media. They also knew they needed to start using the media to push their own viewpoints as well.

5. How did the media impact and influence politics during this major time in U.S. history?

The news is what made the Civil Rights Movement a success. People didn't know what was happening until they saw it in their living room on TV. It put pressure on the government.