

Readings:

The Murder of Emmett Till

The Greensboro Sit-In

“Freedom Rides”

James Meredith and “Ole Miss”

“Freedom Summer” and Schwerner, Chaney and Goodman

Questions:

1. What made the death of Emmett Till such a galvanizing event in the early Civil Rights Movement?

2. Why do you think college students led the sit-in in Greensboro, NC, as opposed to other groups?

3. Do you think that the gains the Freedom Riders helped make were worth the risks they took? What alternative strategies might they have pursued to integrate bus terminals? Explain.

4. Why do you think so many Northern college students participated in the “Freedom Summer” project?

Movies:

Mississippi Burning
To Kill a Mocking Bird
Remember the Titans
Glory
Men of Honor
Unforgivable Blackness: Rise and Fall of Jack Jackson (PBS)
A Raisin in the Sun
A Soldier’s Story
The Tuskegee Airmen
Black Like Me
Buffalo Soldiers
The Power of One
The Murder of Emmett Till (American Experience PBS)
Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner
Jackie Robinson (Biography)

Choose one of the movies for the list above. As you view the movie pretend you are a journalist watching the events unfold “live” in front of you. Take notes!!! Upon completion of the movie file “your story” following the guidelines below.

Title for your article

Date and place of event(s)

Individuals involved in the event(s)

Significant information about the event(s) (What happened here? - tell the story)

Reporter's Commentary:

What events stand out in your mind?

How do you feel about the event(s) you witnessed?

What do you want to tell the world about what you have seen?

Who were the heroes in your story? Why?