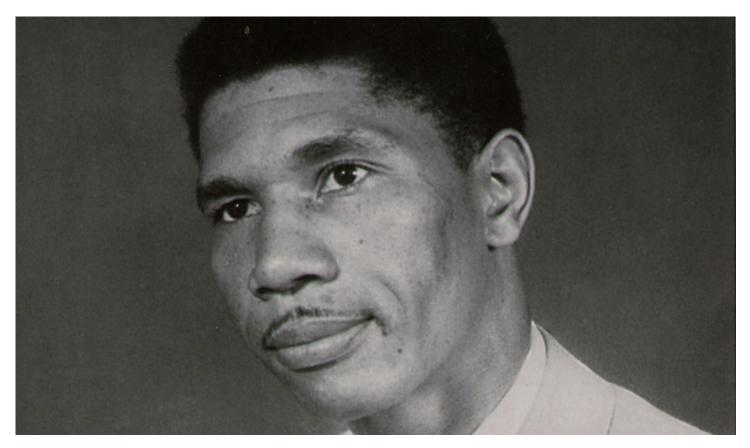


MISSISSIPPI CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

Gallery Activity and Document–Based Question Grades 7–12

Answer questions 1–10 while visiting the museum. Use the primary source document on page six of this packet to answer questions 11–17 after your field trip. The original document is displayed in the museum gallery A Tremor in the Iceberg.



There is something out here that I've got to do for my kids, and I'm not going to stop until I've done it. —Medgar W. Evers

GALLERY 2: MISSISSIPPI IN BLACK AND WHITE

 In 1868, a new state constitution was drafted that provided freedoms for African Americans in Mississippi. In 1890, another new constitution was created that revoked many of those freedoms. What events in that twenty-two year span led to this regression?

GALLERY 4: A CLOSED SOCIETY

2. There are a number of people or events that could be seen as the "spark" of the modern Civil Rights Movement. Select three that you saw in the gallery A Closed Society and explain how they were the spark that created a movement.

3. A number of organizations formed to oppose the Civil Rights Movement. What motivated these groups, and what were their methods of opposition? Evaluate the impact of these opposition groups.

GALLERY 5: A TREMOR IN THE ICEBERG

4. "No taxation without representation" was a rallying cry during the American Revolution. How can that phrase apply to the African American experience prior to the changes initiated by the Civil Rights Movement? Provide three examples.

5. A number of organizations, known by their acronyms, formed during the Civil Rights Movement with specific goals in mind and catered to specific audiences. Select three of those groups and answer the following:

Group Acronynm:	1.	2.	3.
What did the acronym stand for?			
Who was in the group?			
Who was their audience?			
What were their goals?			
Were they successful in achieving their goals?			

6. Medgar Evers was the most visible and effective civil rights activist in Mississippi. Why? Provide details to support your answer.

GALLERY 6: I QUESTION AMERICA

7. Explain the mission of Freedom Schools, and evaluate their impact.

8. Why was the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party created? Link its formation to the creation and passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

9. Why were northern white students recruited to be a part of Freedom Summer?

10. Why is the year 1964 seen as a pivotal point of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement? Provide at least five examples, justifying your answers with either positive or negative instances.



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(OR SHOULD WE SAY "BANG"?)

WE URGE THE ORGANIZATION OF "REBEL UNDER-GROUND" TEAMS AND UNITS ON EVERY FLOOR OF EVERY DORMITORY AND IN EVERY SORORITY AND FRATERNITY HOUSE ON THE CAMPUS.

Our primary objective is to encourage James Meredith to transfer to some college where he would be welcome. There are many "Yankee" colleges which would eulogize him and make him "Tar Baby" of the campus.

His forced entry here has already caused two deaths, bloodshed, chaos and bitterness which will last for years. He has made his point and proved that our President is controlled by the NAACP.

While the Communist Party, USA, was wiring President Kennedy to send troops to Ole Miss on September 30th in a telegram, the Communists in Cuba were installing missiles aimed at the United States.

Russell Barrett, Left-wing professor, dined with James Meredith the other morning. It is in keeping with his philosophy to mingle socially with the Negro who has done so much for the Communist cause through the NAACP. (National Association for the Advancement of the Communist Party.)

We are looking forward to the day when the KKK (Kennedy Koon Keepers) will leave our campus.

Congratulations to Russell H. Barrett, Robert J. Farley, Harley F. Garrett and James W. Silver. In recognition for services rendered the NAACP has proclaimed these professors to be "Honorary Niggers".

Incidentally, we feel that these and a few other "racial perverts" now on our faculty would be happier teaching at Tougaloo or Tuskegee.

The "Rebel Underground" holds the Federal Court in "contempt". Those judges are indeed "contemptible".

Now boys, don't upset Sidna. She may win a Pulitzer Prize.

BEAT LSU

READ AND PASS ON

DOCUMENT-BASED QUESTIONS

- 11. When was this document produced? (If you do not see a date, use context clues to find an approximate date.)
- 12. Who produced this document?
- 13. What people or groups are identified in the document?
- 14. What event is the document referencing?
- 15. What is the overall sentiment of the document? What does it tell you about the population at the University of Mississippi at the time?
- 16. Why does the document associate the Communist Party with the Civil Rights Movement?
- 17. What did you find most interesting about the document?