

Issue 6 USA 1918-68

- To what extent did the Civil Rights campaigns of the 1950's and 1960's result in significant improvements in the lives of black Americans?
- To what extent did the Civil Rights Movement meet the needs of black Americans, up to 1968?

The Factors

- Role of NAACP/CORE
- Role of SCLC and MLK
- Changes in Federal Policy
- Social, Economic and Political changes
- Rise of Black Radical Movements

Remember the order you write these will never change!!!

Introduction (2 marks available)

Context. After 1945, the Civil Rights Movement was active in campaigning to improve the lives of Black Americans. This mass movement focused on solving the problems facing Black Americans up to 1968.

Line of argument. Historians argue that the Civil Rights movement were successful to an extent in improving some areas in the lives of black Americans, notably in the area of social civil rights and economic civil rights

Factors. There were many factors in this campaign such as the role of Martin Luther King, Changes in Federal policy, social, economic and political changes and the role of groups such as the NAACP.

Main Body

Within this essay, you can include the usual 4 paragraphs or if you have time you can include more.

Your paragraph structure remains the same as your normal essay structure- just follow the plan!!!

- **Issue** - introduce the issue, ensure you link to the question
- **Knowledge** - You must provide at least 2 relevant developed points per paragraph.
- **Analysis**- It can be argued that the civil rights movement was successful because.....
- **Analysis +** - However, the civil rights movement failed to.....

Detailed Paragraph Plans

NAACP/CORE

Start with an **Opening Argument** e.g. brief sentence to discuss the aims of the Civil Rights movement

Knowledge - Discuss Work of NAACP in Brown vs Board, 1954/Bus Boycotts 1955

Analysis - Explain why these events were evidence of a success?

Knowledge - Discuss work of CORE during Sit In's/Freedom Rides

Analysis - Explain why these events were evidence of success?

Analysis +- Explain why despite these successes they had not entirely achieved their aims.

SCLC/Martin Luther King

Start with an **Opening Argument** e.g. another important factor in the success of the CRM.

Knowledge - details of the emergence of MLK and SCLC

Analysis - explain why his leadership is important to the movement

Knowledge - Non-violent protest examples- Birmingham 1963, March on Washington, Selma 1965

Analysis - explain why these events were successful

Analysis +- what made these events less successful in their aims

Changes in Federal Policy

Start with an **Opening Argument** e.g. another important factor in the success of the CRM.

Knowledge - Details of Executive Orders (eg 1962), Federal troops to Little Rock

Analysis - what is the significance of this?

Knowledge - Civil Rights Act 1964, Voting Rights Act 1965

Analysis - why are these Acts so important?

Analysis +- what had still failed to change?

Social, Economic and Political Change

Start with an **Opening Argument** e.g. another important factor in the success of the CRM.

Knowledge - Civil Rights Acts irrelevant in North, discuss economic problems

Knowledge - Details of the Watts Riots

Analysis + - These events important- show split in movement and failure of King's campaign to tackle problem of poverty

Rise of Black Radical Movement

Start with an **Opening Argument** e.g. another important factor in the success of the CRM.

Knowledge - Stokely Carmichael and Black Power

Analysis - explain why they are so significant

Knowledge - Malcolm X and Black Panthers

Analysis - Why are they so significant?

Analysis +- Kerner Commission of 1968 recognised that despite the CRM, US Society was still very much divided.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Civil Rights movement had many successes and limitations.

On the one hand, it was successful as _____

On the other hand, it was less successful as _____

Overall (add a detailed judgement on success with supporting reasons)