

Concluding Assignment*

Over the past two weeks you have learned about the men and women who joined a movement with the goal of changing their lives and the lives of people in their community. In their actions and words they were responding to a question similar to the one you responded to at the start of this project.

“What changes would you like to make in your life and in the lives of people in your community?”

Looking back at your response, and drawing upon what you learned about the people who joined the Civil Rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s, write an essay that compares your response to the question to how the people you studied may have answered. What similarities and differences are there between the changes you want to make and the changes people who joined the civil rights movement wanted to make?

In you your essay you should

- Compare and contrast the goals, strategies, and reasons for the changes you wanted to make with the changes the people you studied wanted to make.
- Discuss how the ideas and beliefs of the people you studied may influence your thinking. How has your work on this project affected the changes that you desire for yourself and your community?
- Consider and discuss how growing up in a different time and place influenced your response. How have these factors influenced your choices and the choices of people you studied?

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