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Civil Rights Movement Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. What did the Supreme Court decide in Brown v. Board of Education?

- (A) Racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional
- (B) Racial segregation on city buses is unconstitutional
- (C) Literacy tests for voters in the South are unconstitutional
- (D) Separate schools are legal as long as they are equal

2. Why was Rosa Parks arrested in 1955?

- (A) She led a voting rights march across a bridge in Selma
- (B) She tried to enroll at an all-white high school in Arkansas
- (C) She refused to leave a whites-only lunch counter in Alabama
- (D) She refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger

3. What were sit-ins?

- (A) Protests where people marched across a bridge to demand voting rights
- (B) Protests where people refused to ride segregated city buses for a year
- (C) Protests where people sat at segregated counters and refused to leave
- (D) Protests where students walked out of segregated schools for a week

4. What footage from Birmingham in 1963 shocked the nation?

- (A) Police using fire hoses and dogs on peaceful protesters
- (B) State troopers attacking marchers on a bridge with clubs
- (C) National Guard soldiers blocking students from a high school
- (D) Police arresting students at a segregated lunch counter

5. What famous phrase did Dr. King repeat in his speech at the 1963 March on Washington?

- (A) Black Is Beautiful
- (B) We Shall Overcome
- (C) Power to the People
- (D) I Have a Dream

6. What did the Civil Rights Act of 1964 do?

- (A) Banned discrimination in the sale and rental of housing
- (B) Banned discrimination in public places and employment
- (C) Banned slavery in every state and territory of the country
- (D) Banned poll taxes in elections for president and Congress

7. What was Bloody Sunday?

- (A) National Guard soldiers blocking Black students in Little Rock
- (B) An angry mob attacking Freedom Riders at a bus station in Alabama
- (C) State troopers attacking peaceful marchers on a bridge in Selma
- (D) Police turning fire hoses on young marchers in Birmingham

8. What did the Voting Rights Act of 1965 do?

- (A) Banned segregation in restaurants, hotels and other public places
- (B) Banned practices like literacy tests that had blocked Black voters
- (C) Banned discrimination when people tried to rent or buy a home
- (D) Banned segregated seating that had divided riders on city buses

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4. **A** Police using fire hoses and dogs on peaceful protesters

5. **D** I Have a Dream

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