1954 – 1968

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Civil Rights Movement timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Bloody Sunday — Selma**
State troopers attack peaceful marchers at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, in full view of television cameras.

☐ **Civil Rights Act of 1964**
President Johnson signs a landmark law banning discrimination based on race, color, or religion in public places and employment.

☐ **March on Washington**
About 250,000 people gather at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., where Dr. King delivers his famous speech including the words I Have a Dream.

☐ **Brown v. Board of Education**
The Supreme Court unanimously rules that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.

☐ **Montgomery Bus Boycott**
Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white passenger; Black residents boycott the city's buses for 381 days.

☐ **Greensboro Sit-Ins**
Four Black college students sit at a segregated lunch counter in North Carolina and refuse to leave when denied service.

☐ **Assassination of Dr. King**
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is shot and killed in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, while supporting striking sanitation workers.

☐ **Voting Rights Act**
President Johnson signs a law banning discriminatory practices like literacy tests that had been used to prevent Black Americans from voting.

☐ **Little Rock Nine**
Nine Black students attempt to integrate Central High School in Arkansas; the governor calls the National Guard to block them.

☐ **Birmingham Campaign**
Civil rights leaders organize peaceful marches in Birmingham, Alabama; police use fire hoses and dogs on the protesters, including children.

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