

"This afternoon, following a series of threats and defiant statements, the presence of Alabama National Guardsmen was required to carry out the final and unequivocal order of the U.S. District Court that called for the admission of two evenly qualified young Alabama residents who happened to have been born Negro.

I hope that every American, regardless of where he lives, will stop and examine his conscience about this and other related incidents. This nation was founded by men of many nations and backgrounds. It was founded on the principle that all men are created equal and that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened. . . . It ought to be possible, in short, for every American to enjoy the privileges of being American without regard to his race or his color. . . .

The Negro baby born in America today, regardless of the section of the nation in which he is born, has about one-half as much chance of completing a high school as a white baby born in the same place on the same day, one-third as much chance of completing college, one-third as much chance of becoming a professional man, twice as much chance of becoming unemployed, about one-seventh as much chance of earning \$10,000 a year, a life expectancy which is seven years shorter, and the prospects of earning only half as much. . . . We are confronted primarily with a moral issue. It is as old as the Scriptures and is as clear as the American Constitution. The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities. . . . The lines of frustration and discord are burning in every city, North and South, where legal remedies are not at hand. Redress is sought in the streets, in demonstrations, parades, and protests which create tensions and threaten violence and threaten lives.

We face, therefore, a moral crisis as a country and a people. . . . It is a time to act in the Congress, in your state and local legislative body and, above all, in all of our daily lives."

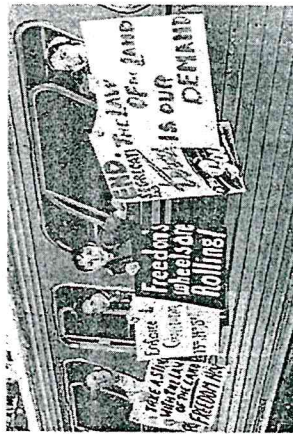
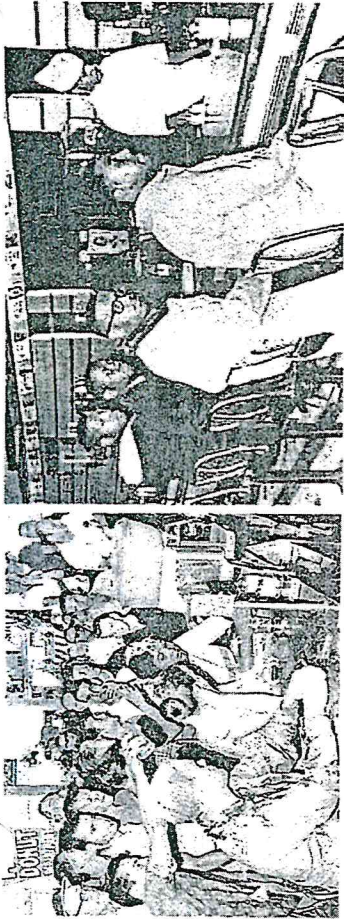
Source: President John F. Kennedy in a radio and television report to the American people June 11, 1963.

- 1.) Who made this address? When?
- 2.) What is the main idea of the primary source?

- 3.) Why do you think President Kennedy chose to include the line (referring to America) "It was founded on the principle that all men are created equal and that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man is threatened. . . ." when making his point about the need for continued integration in our nation?

*Please articulate what you believe he is trying to say

- 4.) Compile a list of four facts from the primary source that would help illustrate the major disadvantages many African Americans faced in their attempt to achieve guaranteed civil rights throughout the South.



1. Which leader is most closely associated with the approach to reform shown in this photo?
 - a. Malcolm X and the Nation of Islam
 - b. Huey Newton and the Black Panthers
 - c. Stokely Carmichael and SNCC
 - d. Martin Luther King and the SCLC

2. The activity shown in the photo can best be described as an example of?
 - a. labor unrest
 - b. judicial activism
 - c. nonviolent protest
 - d. affirmative action

3. Provide a list of 4 examples where this form of protest was used successfully.

4. Why do you think this type of protest was so effective?

5. Where have we seen modern examples of this form of protest?