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# VOTING RIGHTS ACT & SELMA

This worksheet includes the “Nine Essential Areas for Civil Rights Education” as outlined by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Use the interactive lyrics to fill in the chart below. If time allows, you can do additional research as well!

<b>History</b> What did race relations in the US look like before 1964? Why?	
<b>Obstacles</b> Describe 3 obstacles African Americans faced when trying to vote	
<b>Events</b> Describe 3 key events that led to the Voting Rights Act	
<b>Leaders</b> List 3 leaders of the marches in Selma	
<b>Groups</b> List 2 groups involved in organizing the Selma marches	
<b>Tactics</b> Describe a strategy used by civil rights activists	



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# QUESTIONS

**1. Connection to other movements:** Think of a historical event or movement that is similar to the Selma marches. How are these events similar?

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**2. Connection to current events:** Are racial equality and voting rights still issues in the US today? How have these issues changed since 1965? In what ways are they the same?

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**3. Connection to civic participation:** Why is the right to vote an important right to protect?

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