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Voting Rights Act & Selma March - Vocab Cards

Civil Rights Act]>

a **1964 law** that was intended to end discrimination based on race, sex, religion, etc. It guaranteed citizens' voting rights, called for school desegregation and prohibited discrimination in the workplace.

The Civil Rights Act, passed in 1964, outlaws discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Make a connection between this word and another word or idea:

discrimination]>

unfair or prejudiced treatment of a person or group.

The employees had a protest; they felt that the company was practicing discrimination—treating people unfairly based on their race and religion.

Synonyms: prejudice, inequality

Antonyms: fairness, equality, impartiality



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disenfranchise]>

to take away a legal right, especially the right to vote.

Many state laws, groups, and organizations aimed to _disenfranchise_ African Americans after the Civil War, making it hard or impossible for them to vote.

Synonyms: deprive, oppress

Antonyms: allow, emancipate



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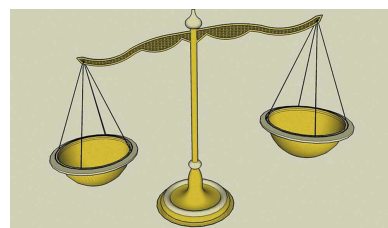
equality]>

the quality of having the same rights, privileges, status, etc. as others.

The men's basketball team still receives twice as much money as the women's team. Several athletes are fighting for _equality_ in the funding.

Synonyms: fairness

Antonyms: inequity



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grandfather clause]>

a provision in the constitutions of seven southern states that was intended to prevent black people from voting. It stated that people whose ancestors had voted before the Civil War would be able to bypass certain requirements for voting.

While many southern blacks were forced to take reading tests in order to vote, some illiterate whites were able avoid this requirement because of the _grandfather clause_, which allowed them to vote as long as their relatives had voted before the Civil War.

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Ku Klux Klan]>

often called the KKK, a hate group founded in the southern United States after the Civil War. Members promote White supremacy and oppose African Americans, Jews, Catholics, and immigrants.

The white robes and hoods worn by members of the _Ku Klux Klan_ are considered symbols of racism and violence, which the group continues to practice.



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literacy]>

the ability to read and write.

The school started a(n) literacy center to help kids learn to read.



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oppress]>

to treat a person or group in an extremely unfair way using an abuse of power.

The citizens felt the government was trying to oppress them, taking away their rights and treating them unfairly.

Synonyms: beat down, suppress, abuse



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poll tax]>

a fixed tax that each person had to pay in order to vote. They are now illegal in the United States.

When African Americans were able to pass literacy tests, some were made to pay a _poll tax_ when they registered to vote. This was one of many challenges blacks faced despite being legally allowed to vote.

poll tax

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Voting Rights Act of 1965]>

Federal legislation signed by President Johnson to overcome state and local policies that prevented African Americans from voting as was their right under the 15th Amendment (1870).

President Lyndon Johnson made history when he signed the _Voting Rights Act of 1965_, a law that aimed to end policies that blocked African Americans from voting.



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