

Part 1—Preview

Look at the picture. Write 3 details that you notice. Write sentences.

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- 2)
- 3)



Now write 2 questions you have about the picture.

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- 2)

Part 2—Vocabulary

Read the article. Infer the meaning of each key (important) word.

Do **NOT** copy a dictionary definition!

Infer = use context clues to guess the meaning

civil

discriminate

segregation

disability

treatment

Part 3—Read and identify main ideas.

Civil rights are rights that people have because they are citizens of a country. These rights are given to people by the government. Civil rights are important because they protect people from unfair treatment. They make sure that everyone has the same opportunities, no matter what their race, sex, religion, or disability is.

Civil rights are different from human rights. Human rights are rights that everyone has just because they are alive. Civil rights are rights that you get because you are a citizen of a certain country.

Civil rights can change depending on where you live. This is because civil rights are an agreement between the people and the government. If you move to a different country, you might have different civil rights.

In the United States, civil rights are protected by laws. These laws make sure that people are treated fairly in many areas of life, like housing, jobs, and education. If someone thinks their civil rights have been violated, they can report it to the government.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was a very important law that helped to protect civil rights in the United States. It made it illegal to discriminate against people based on their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. This law helped to end segregation in public places, like restaurants, hotels, and schools.

The civil rights movement was a time when many people fought for equal rights. This movement happened mostly in the 1950s and 1960s. Black Americans were fighting for the same rights as white Americans. They wanted to be treated fairly and have the same opportunities.

The civil rights movement was successful in making many changes. It helped to end segregation and discrimination. It also helped to make sure that Black Americans could vote. The civil rights movement was a very important part of American history.

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Part 4— Comprehension Questions

Answer the questions. Tell in which paragraph you found the answers.

Question	Answer	Where?
What is the purpose of civil rights?		
Tell how civil and human rights are different.		
What did the Civil Rights Act of 1964 do?		
Where do you report civil rights violations?		
When might your civil rights change?		

Part 5—Reflection

Write a topic sentence and at least 5 detail sentences about the questions.

How would America be different if we did not have the
Civil Rights Act of 1964?