Civil Rights Movement (Part 1)

Goals of the Civil Rights Movement
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The Sit-In Movement
Students staged at
Sit in only areas, owners could not make money
It had to be non-violent to be
 The leaders of the movement were afraid that students did not have the to remain non-
violent when provoked
They did, however, remain
The Freedom Riders
Teams of African-Americans and whites rode into the to protest the continued illegal
Organized by James Farmer
 When they arrived in Anniston, Birmingham and Montgomery, angry mobs them, slashed tires,
threw rocks into windows. Riders were by bats and chains
 Kennedy was about to have a meeting with Khrushchev. Wanted the riders to ""
James Farmer replied by continuing the rides
Kennedy makes a with a Senator from Mississippi: James
 Eastland convinces state to use against riders, Kennedy won't protest arrests
Kept the deal, no violence ensued
MLK "We Need a Crisis"
MLK the Kennedy was the Civil Rights Bill
Decides to launch in Birmingham, knowing it would cause violence
Only way to get Kennedy to act
Violence in Birmingham
MLK was arrested after 8 days of protests
 While in prison, wrote famous "Letters from a Birmingham Jail"
 Argued it was ok to law because they were following a higher moral law based on divine justice
watched violence on TV
 Police used clubs, dogs, and high pressure fire hoses to respond to protests
Outraged, Kennedy aides to prepare new Civil Rights Bill
March on Washington
The peace and dignity of the march had built a strong for the Civil Rights Bill
MLK's Famous "I Have a Dream" speech
Civil Rights Bill of 1964
 After several months of debate and political complications, Johnson the Civil Rights Bill of 1964
Gave the government power to racial segregation
Made segregation in most places of public accommodation
 Gave citizens of all races and nationalities access to restaurants, libraries, theaters, etc.
 Attorney General had more power to bring that forced school desegregation
 Established the which monitors job
discrimination
Summary: