US HISTORY

CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Challenging authority

**INCIDENT AT EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE**

1. Who in your opinion had the more serious grievance – Montgomery or Selma? Give specific reasons.
2. On page 59…What is meant b ‘use of public violence’? Give some examples.
3. On page 59…Did the Selma protestors have popular support? What about national support? Why is this important?
4. On page 59…Should the ‘rightness’ of either cause be measured in terms of public support? Give specific grounds for your opinion.

**Challenging Authority: Methods and Motives**

**Directions: Choose one person on page 60-61 to complete the following questions.**

1. What grievance does this person have with authority?
2. What values cause them to feel this way?
3. How much popular support is there for this person’s position?
4. How has the person chosen to challenge authority?
5. What method(s) of protest does he/she use?
6. Compare methods, popular support, and effectives to another person.
7. What is a proper government and where does its power originate?
8. When should governmental authority be challenged?

**Apathy or Action and the Use of Violence**

1. On page 66…What are the moral limits to a mob action?
2. On page 66…What are the dangers of a mob?
3. On page 66…Is mob action effective or ineffective in promoting change? Why or why not?
4. On page 66…Does violence put an end to discussion? Does it destroy efforts to reach a peaceful solution to a conflict? Why or Why not
5. Can violence be demonstrated only through actions? Explain