1960s Era Vocab Worksheet

Directions: Using the Word Bank, fill in the word that best fits into the sentence. Some sentences may use two words.

Word Bank: Missile gap Due process Flexible response Sit-in

Filibuster Cloture Reapportionment Black power New Frontier

Alliance for Progress Orval Faubus Great Society George Wallace

Head Start NAACP Thurgood Marshall *Brown v. Board of Education*

Passive resistance Southern Christian Leadership Conference Malcolm X

Civil Rights Act of 1964 Little Rock Crisis Voting Rights Act of 1965

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

1. People blame Lyndon B. Johnson for the escalation of the unpopular Vietnam War, but they often forget about Johnson’s successful domestic policy called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his crusade against poverty and support of civil rights.

2. & 3. It is usually challenging to call for a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, because the sixty senator requirement.

4. Martin Luther King, Jr. predicted that more African American leaders would be elected to Congress when President Johnson signed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. A major theme of the Supreme Court under Chief Justice Earl Warren (who served from 1953-1969) was the extension of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to all Americans, including minorities.

6. One of the reasons why President Kennedy supported the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was to encourage Latin American nations not to adopt communism.

7. & 8. Because young members of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sometimes felt that civil rights leaders, like Martin Luther King, Jr., were not doing enough to improve conditions for African Americans in urban areas, many joined the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ movement, because it was perceived that they were taking more action to ameliorate impoverished communities.

9. President John F. Kennedy encouraged students to pursue careers in science and technology, because of the perceived \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the United States and the Soviet Union.

10. Several black college students protested segregation laws by staging a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at a lunch counter for whites only, when they were denied service at the lunch counter.

11. One of the main advocates of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was Mohandas Gandhi, who staged a march to the coast of India to obtain salt, instead of purchasing salt from the oppressive British merchants.

12. As an opponent of civil rights, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ declared, “Segregation Now, Segregation Tomorrow, Segregation Forever!”

13. & 14. During the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1957, President Eisenhower sent in federal troops to protect nine African American students at a previously all-white high school, after Arkansas Governor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ denied the students’ entry into the school.

15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was a major civil rights victory, because the *Plessy v. Ferguson* precedent of “separate but equal” was declared to be unconstitutional.

16. & 17. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was a lawyer for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his success in achieving some equality for African Americans was acknowledged when President Johnson appointed him to the Supreme Court.

18. “Usually when people are sad, they don't do anything. They just cry over their condition. But when they get angry, they bring about a change” was a leading thought of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

19. As president, John F. Kennedy adopted a policy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, because he acknowledged the reality that nuclear war could destroy the planet.

20. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was a major force behind the nonviolent bus boycotts in Montgomery and the March on Washington.

21. Public libraries cannot discriminate against ethnic groups thanks to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

22. As part of President Johnson’s war on poverty, Project \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has proven to be successful in educating children and still exists today.

23. Because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sometimes states get more representatives in Congress, and others get fewer representatives.

24. Because President John F. Kennedy was only in office for a short time, much of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ legislation to help minorities did not get passed.