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When the Sound of Silence Shattered: 8th Grade Civil Rights Quiz

Examine the grassroots strategies and judicial milestones that dismantled Jim Crow laws during the foundational years of the movement.

1. Which 1963 event saw thousands of students in Birmingham, Alabama, march against segregation, facing police dogs and fire hoses?

- A. The Children's Crusade
- B. The Bonus Army March
- C. The Great Migration
- D. The Watts Riot

2. True or False: The 'Greensboro Four' were college students who began the sit-in movement at a Woolworth's lunch counter in 1960.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The lawyer who successfully argued the Brown v. Board of Education case and later became the first Black Supreme Court Justice was _____.

- A. John Lewis
- B. Thurgood Marshall
- C. A. Philip Randolph
- D. Huey Newton

4. Which organization was founded by Ella Baker and focused on giving younger activists a voice through 'jail-no-bail' tactics?

- A. The Black Panthers
- B. The Urban League
- C. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)
- D. The Anti-Defamation League

5. True or False: The 24th Amendment to the Constitution made it illegal to require a poll tax in federal elections.

- A. True
- B. False

6. In 1964, hundreds of volunteers went to Mississippi to register Black voters and set up schools during a project known as _____.

- A. Project Head Start
- B. Freedom Summer
- C. Operation Rolling Thunder

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D. The New Deal

7. Who was the first African American student to integrate the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) in 1962?

- A. James Meredith
- B. Medgar Evers
- C. Jackie Robinson
- D. Jesse Owens

8. True or False: The Civil Rights Act of 1964 only applied to voting rights and did not affect public places like restaurants.

- A. True
- B. False

9. Fannie Lou Hamer is best known for her testimony about voter suppression representing which political group?

- A. The Dixiecrats
- B. The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP)
- C. The Whig Party
- D. The Socialist Party

10. The strategy of 'nonviolent direct action' was heavily influenced by the teachings of _____, which were adopted by leaders like MLK Jr.

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Napoleon Bonaparte
- C. Winston Churchill
- D. Karl Marx