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Unchaining the Vote: 7th Grade Tactical History Quiz

How did activists dismantle systemic voter suppression? Analyze the strategic shift from grassroots organizing to federal legislative reform.

1. The 1961 Albany Movement in Georgia is often studied by historians as a 'lesson in failure.' What was the primary reason it failed to achieve immediate desegregation?

- A. The local police chief used non-violent tactics to avoid federal intervention.
- B. Protestors refused to use the court system to challenge laws.
- C. The state government immediately cut off all funding to the city.
- D. The movement lacked a clear leader or organizational structure.

2. The _____ was a grassroots organization formed primarily by students following the lunch counter sit-ins, focusing on community organizing and voter registration in the Deep South.

- A. Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
- B. Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)
- C. Black Panther Party
- D. National Urban League

3. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was primarily focused on ending literacy tests at polling places.

- A. True
- B. False

4. How did the 1963 Children's Crusade in Birmingham change the strategy of the movement?

- A. It proved that children were safer from arrest than adults.
- B. It showed that economic boycotts were more effective than marches.
- C. It leveraged media imagery of police brutality against youth to sway public opinion.
- D. It convinced the Supreme Court to overturn the 'Plessy' decision.

5. Septima Clark, often called the 'Queen Mother' of the movement, developed _____ to teach literacy and constitutional rights to rural African Americans to help them register to vote.

- A. Freedom Schools
- B. Citizenship Schools
- C. The Rainbow Coalition
- D. Litigation Clinics

6. The execution of the 'Freedom Summer' project in 1964 relied heavily on white college students from the North to bring national attention to Mississippi's voter registration crisis.

- A. True
- B. False

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7. Which specific event led directly to the creation of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP)?

- A. The exclusion of Black voters from the regular state Democratic primary.
- B. The signing of the 24th Amendment banning poll taxes.
- C. The assassination of Medgar Evers.
- D. The success of the 1963 March on Washington.

8. Fannie Lou Hamer is famous for her 1964 testimony where she asked, 'Is this America?' after being fired and beaten for attempting to _____.

- A. Apply for a government job
- B. Register to vote
- C. Order food at a segregated deli
- D. Integrated a local university

9. Executive Order 8802, which banned discrimination in the defense industry, was the first major federal action towards civil rights in the 20th century.

- A. True
- B. False

10. What was the significance of the 24th Amendment during the Civil Rights era?

- A. It lowered the voting age to 18.
- B. It guaranteed women the right to vote.
- C. It outlawed the use of poll taxes in federal elections.
- D. It ended the use of the 'Grandfather Clause'.