

## Suggested questions/Writing prompts for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders

**Questions with short answers (answer key follows questions) and writing prompts requiring longer answers.**

1. Which laws were passed to enforce segregation?
2. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rosa Parks were part of what movement in the 1950s and 1960s?
3. This Civil Rights leader led the March on Washington
4. What was the purpose of the Voting Rights Act of 1965?
5. The March on Washington was most famous because . . .
6. What did the Montgomery Bus Boycott accomplish?
7. What role did the Civil Rights movement play in the lives of African Americans during the 1950s?
8. Which amendment outlawed slavery?
9. Which action by one person sparked the Civil Rights movement?
10. What style of protesting did Martin Luther King Jr. support?
11. What were 4 types of organized protests during the Civil Rights Movement?
12. Which legislation outlawed segregation of public facilities and discrimination against African Americans in employment and voting?
13. Which amendment granted citizenship to former slaves?

**Answer key:**

1. Jim Crow Laws
2. The Civil Rights Movement
3. Martin Luther King, Jr.
4. It gave all blacks the right to vote
5. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I have a Dream: speech, which inspired hundreds of thousands to help the Civil Rights Movement
6. Segregation of buses became illegal after many months of protesting
7. It encouraged African Americans to fight for equal rights
8. 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment
9. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat at the front of the bus and move to the back
10. Passive resistance: non-violent protest
11. Freedom Rides, Sit-ins, Marches and Boycotts
12. Civil Rights Act of 1964
13. 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment

**Writing prompts:**

- What is the earliest experience that you can remember dealing with race and/or racism?
- How did you feel while this was happening or while you were watching?
- What was your response and what was the response of others around you?
- What impact did it have on you? What did you learn from the experience?
- Did the encounter change you in some way, and if so, how?