

Eyes on the Prize

Mississippi: Is this America? 1962-1964

Eyes on the Prize is an award-winning documentary that traces the civil rights movement from 1954 to 1965. Answer the following questions with complete sentences. Use details from the documentary as support.

1. Why were voting rights such a crucial issue for the civil rights movement in the South, particularly Mississippi?
2. What is your reaction to Myrlie Evers' description of Medgar's assassination? Explain with details from the interview with Myrlie.
3. Who were Goodman, Schwerner, and Chaney? What effect did their disappearance have on the civil rights movement in Mississippi?
4. What was at risk for Black Mississippians who participated in the civil rights movement? What did they have to lose that the northern support workers did not?
5. What is the "living death" that Dave Dennis refers to in his eulogy for James Chaney? What is his message?