

## CHAPTER

## 20

## VOCABULARY AND GUIDED READING ACTIVITY

## Section 3: Government Response

The Civil Rights  
StruggleUnderstanding  
Vocabulary

Fill in the blanks with vocabulary words from the section.

- enfranchisement
- militant
- filibuster

1. Activist who does not tolerate compromise:  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Obtaining the rights of citizenship:  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Debating a bill non-stop to keep it from coming to a vote:  
\_\_\_\_\_

## UNDERSTANDING CONCEPTS

① As you read Section 3, fill in the blanks in the following section outline.

## I. JFK and Civil Rights

- A. Wanting to win the election of 1960, John F. Kennedy chose Lyndon B. Johnson as a running mate to get the white Southern vote, and he endorsed civil rights actions to get the \_\_\_\_\_ vote.
- B. Kennedy finally took a stand on civil rights after violent actions of \_\_\_\_\_ helped him decide to side with civil rights protesters.

## II. Kennedy and the Militants

- A. As more and more Freedom Riders traveled to Southern cities to test integration at bus stations, Kennedy used his presidential influence to convince the Interstate Commerce Commission to issue a ruling against \_\_\_\_\_ of interstate facilities.
- B. With the \_\_\_\_\_ Project, Kennedy hoped to curb violence against civil rights activists by encouraging African Americans to gain political power through voter registration.
- C. In August 1963, one of the largest crowds ever marched in \_\_\_\_\_, to support social reforms and the civil rights bill.

## III. The Triumph of Civil Rights

- A. Despite attempts by \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the civil rights bill from a Senate vote, the Civil Rights Act was signed into law by President Johnson on July 2, 1964.
- B. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., began a campaign of nonviolent resistance to get African Americans registered to \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The 1965 Voting Rights Act guaranteed that \_\_\_\_\_ tests would no longer be used for African American voter registration.

② Write a short answer to the question below on a separate sheet of paper.  
Why did President Kennedy try appealing to both sides of the civil rights movement?