



Courtland Cox on This Generation's Challenge

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Pre-Listening Questions

- You can likely identify many of the challenges faced by young people during the Civil Rights Era. What challenges do young people face today?
- Can lessons from history help us face these challenges? Which lessons and how?

Discussion Questions

- What does Courtland Cox mean when he says that his generation created space for your generation to grow?
- Do you agree that equal access to education is the challenge of this generation? Why?
- What lessons from the Civil Rights Movement can we apply to modern challenges?
- How should your generation face the challenges outlined by Courtland Cox? Are there others challenges not mentioned that you think should be addressed as well?

Related Resources—for continued instruction or resources for your students' research

- Civil Rights Theme on History Explorer
<http://historyexplorer.si.edu/themes/theme/?key=14>
- National Youth Summit – Freedom Summer (archived version)
<http://americanhistory.si.edu/freedom-summer>
- National Youth Summit – Freedom Summer (teacher resources)
<http://americanhistory.si.edu/freedom-summer/teacher-resources>
- National Youth Summit – Freedom Summer (interviews)
<http://americanhistory.si.edu/freedom-summer/interviews>

Related Standards for U.S. History (National Center for History in the Schools)

- Era 9: Postwar United States (1945 to early 1970s)
 - Standard 4: The struggle for racial and gender equality and the extension of civil liberties

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Name:

Date:

Period:

Topic:

Pre-Listening vocabulary—define these words:

Freedom Summer:

Barriers:

Pre-Listening (leave space after your questions to answer them as you listen):

What basic understanding questions do you have about this topic?

What thought questions do you have about this topic?

Post-Listening:

What new thought questions do you have?

Of all your thought questions, which few are especially important to the topic? Why?

Which is the most important thought question? Why?

What steps would you take to find the answer to the most important thought question?

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