

# Black History

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- Fannie Lou Hamer
- Civil Rights Advocates
- Fannie Lou Hamer
- Mississippi Voting Rights

# READING COMPREHENSION

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Hamer also co-founded the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) in 1964, which aimed to challenge the all-white Mississippi delegation to the Democratic National Convention. The MFDP was successful in drawing national attention to the issue of voting rights in Mississippi, and helped to spur the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Hamer's activism continued throughout her life, and she was involved in a number of civil rights and political organizations, including the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC).

Hamer died in 1977, but her legacy lives on through her contributions to the Civil Rights Movement and through the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute on Citizenship and Democracy, which is dedicated to preserving her legacy and promoting civil rights and social justice.

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

6. Fannie Lou Hamer's activism began when she worked as a voting registrar for which civil rights organization?

- a) National Urban League
- b) Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)
- c) Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
- d) Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)

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## ANSWER QUESTIONS

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1. THE CORRECT ANSWER

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3. Hamer began her activism as a voting registrar for which civil

4. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) led a Leadership Conference (SCLC) to challenge the all-white Mississippi delegation to the Democratic National Convention (SNCC) for unequal rights (CORE).

5. In 1964 Fannie Lou Hamer's national profile during the March on Washington, D.C., against discrimination and violence in Mississippi.

6. Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP).

7. She participated in the Selma to Montgomery marches.

8. What was the aim of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) co-founded by Fannie Lou Hamer in 1964?

- a) To challenge segregation laws in Mississippi
- b) To address economic inequality in the state
- c) To advocate for education reform
- d) To challenge the all-white Mississippi delegation to the Democratic National Convention

9. Which organization dedicated to preserving Fannie Lou Hamer's legacy and promoting civil rights and social justice was mentioned in the paragraph?

- a) Fannie Lou Hamer Foundation
- b) Civil Rights Advocates Network
- c) Fannie Lou Hamer Institute on Citizenship and Democracy
- d) Mississippi Voting Rights Coalition

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## ANSWERS

1. When was Fannie Lou Hamer born?

Answer: a) October 6, 1917

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Answer: c) Student Nonviolent Coordinating

3. What significant event in 1964 elevated Fannie Lou Hamer's national profile during the March on Washington, D.C., against discrimination and violence in Mississippi?

Answer: b) She spoke out against discrimination

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- a) October 6, 1917
- b) March 14, 1917
- c) November 22, 1930
- d) April 30, 1955

2. In 1962, Fannie Lou Hamer began her activism as a voting registrar for which civil rights organization?

- a) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- b) Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
- c) Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)
- d) Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)

3. What significant event in 1964 elevated Fannie Lou Hamer's national profile during the Democratic National Convention?

- a) She led a protest march in Washington, D.C.
- b) She spoke out against discrimination in Mississippi.
- c) She founded the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute.
- d) She was elected to the Mississippi State Senate.

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- d) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

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- a) Voting rights
- b) Economic development
- c) Racial discrimination
- d) International relations

8. The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), co-founded by Fannie Lou Hamer, aimed to challenge the all-white delegation to which national convention?

- a) National Convention
- b) Democratic National Convention
- c) National Women's Political Caucus
- d) National General Assembly

9. In addition to her involvement in the Civil Rights Movement, Fannie Lou Hamer was associated with which political organization mentioned in the paragraph?

- a) Women's Political Caucus (NWPC)
- b) National Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- c) Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
- d) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

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- a) Economic development
- b) Voting rights and social justice
- c) International diplomacy
- d) Environmental sustainability

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Answer: d) To challenge the all-white Mississippi delegation to the Democratic National Convention.

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Answer: b) Economic development, voting rights and social justice

MCQ'S & QUESTIONS

ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

# CLOSE READING GRAPHIC ORGNIZERS INCLUDED

**GROUP ACTIVITY**

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WHAT I THINK \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNOTATING MARKS**

- ✓ Circle powerful words or phrases.
- ✓ Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Place a question mark next to something you don't understand.
- ✓ Write an exclamation mark next to something you find interesting.

**SUMMARIZE**

Write a summary of the passage. The main idea should be stated in your first sentence. Then use the four details to write four supporting sentences. Close your summary by restating the main idea.

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**MAIN IDEA**

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