

# Black History MEDGAR EVER



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## READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

## MEDGAR EVERS



Medgar Evers (July 1925 – June 1963) was an African American civil rights activist from Mississippi who played a key role in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Evers was the first field secretary of the Mississippi branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and worked to end segregation and discrimination against African Americans in the state.

Evers was involved in many civil rights activities, including voter registration drives, desegregation efforts, and the investigation of lynchings and other racial violence. He also played a key role in the integration of the University of Mississippi, and was instrumental in the investigation of the murder of 21-year-old Emmett Till in 1955.

Evers's civil rights work made him a target of racist violence, and on June 1963, he was assassinated in front of his home in Jackson, Mississippi. His murder was widely covered in the national press, and helped to galvanize the civil rights movement.

Evers's killer, Byron De La Beckwith, was acquitted twice for Evers's murder, but in 1994, new evidence was found and he was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Today, Evers is remembered as a civil rights hero and martyr, and his legacy continues through the work of the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute, which works to promote civil rights and social justice. His name also appears on many schools, streets and buildings across the US, as well as being honored in the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Alabama.

4. What significant event in 1955 was Medgar Evers instrumental in investigating?  
a) Montgomery Bus Boycott  
b) Little Rock Nine  
c) Selma to Montgomery marches  
d) Emmett Till's murder

5. In what year was Medgar Evers assassinated, becoming a martyr for the civil rights movement?  
a) 1960  
b) 1963  
c) 1968  
d) 1975

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

6. What role did Medgar Evers play in the integration of the University of Mississippi?

- a) He served as the university president.
- b) He led protests against integration.
- c) He worked to promote diversity within the faculty.
- d) He played a key role in advocating for the admission of James Meredith.

7. Who was convicted of assassinating Medgar Evers in 1969 after new evidence emerged?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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THE CORRECT ANSWER

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Medgar Evers play a key role in the Civil Rights Movement?

did Medgar Evers work for as the first field secretary in  
an Leadership Conference (SCLC)  
al Equality (CORE)  
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ion for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

## ANSWERS

1. When was Medgar Evers born?  
Answer: b) July 2, 1925
2. In what state did Medgar Evers play a key role?  
Answer: c) Mississippi
3. What organization did Medgar Evers work for?  
Answer: d) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
4. What significant event in 1963 was Medgar Evers involved in?  
Answer: d) Emmett Till's murder
5. In what year was Medgar Evers assassinated, and who was responsible?  
Answer: c) 1963
6. What role did Medgar Evers play in the integration of Mississippi?  
Answer: d) He played a key role in advancing for African Americans
7. Who was convicted of assassinating Medgar Evers?  
Answer: b) Byron De La Beckwith
8. In addition to voter registration drives and desegregation, what other activity was Medgar Evers involved in?  
Answer: c) Freedom Rides
9. What organization works to promote civil rights and assist African Americans?  
Answer: a) Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute
10. Where was Medgar Evers honored in the Civil Rights Memorial?  
Answer: c) Montgomery, Alabama

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. When was Medgar Evers born?

- a) July 12, 1930
- b) July 2, 1925
- c) June 14, 1940
- d) June 12, 1955

2. In which state did Medgar Evers play a key role in the Civil Rights Movement?

- a) Alabama
- b) Mississippi
- c) Georgia
- d) Louisiana

3. What organization did Medgar Evers work for as the first field secretary in Mississippi?

- a) Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
- b) Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)
- c) National Urban League
- d) National A

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### ANSWERS

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

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5. In what year was Medgar Evers assassinated, becoming a martyr for the civil rights movement?  
Answer: b) 1963

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Answer: d) He played a key role in advocating for the admission of James Meredith.

7. Who was convicted of assassinating Medgar Evers in 1994 after new evidence emerged?  
Answer: b) Byron De La Beckwith

8. In addition to voter registration drives and desegregation efforts, what other civil rights activity was Medgar Evers involved in?  
Answer: c) Freedom Rides

9. What organization works to promote civil rights and social justice in honor of Medgar Evers?  
Answer: c) Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute

10. Where is Medgar Evers honored in the Civil Rights Memorial?  
Answer: c) Montgomery, Alabama

6. What role did Medgar Evers play in the integration of the University of Mississippi?  
a) He was a university president.  
b) He was against integration.  
c) He promoted diversity within the faculty.  
d) He played a key role in advocating for the admission of James Meredith.

7. In 1994, he was convicted of assassinating Medgar Evers in 1994 after new evidence emerged.  
a) He was a key figure in voter registration drives and desegregation efforts.  
b) He was involved in other civil rights activities.  
c) He was a key figure in voter registration drives and desegregation efforts.  
d) He was involved in other civil rights activities.

8. What organization works to promote civil rights and social justice in honor of Medgar Evers?  
a) The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change  
b) The NAACP  
c) The Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
d) The National Urban League

9. Who is Medgar Evers honored in the Civil Rights Memorial?  
a) Atlanta, Georgia  
b) Jackson, Mississippi  
c) Birmingham, Alabama  
d) Memphis, Tennessee

## MCQ'S & QUESTIONS

ANSWER KEY  
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# CLOSE READING GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS INCLUDED

**GROUP ACTIVITY**

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SUPPORTING DETAILS #1

SUPPORTING DETAILS #2

**ANNOTATING MARKS**

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- Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- Place a question mark next to words that make you curious.
- Write an exclamation mark next to something that surprises you.



**SUMMARIZE**

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