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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 14-year-old Emmett Till in 1955.

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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.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

- He served as the university president.
- He led protests against integration.
- He worked to promote diversity within the faculty.
- 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?

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Leadership Conference (SCLC)

Equality (CORE)

League for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

4. What significant event in 1955 was Medgar Evers instrumental in investigating?

- Montgomery Bus Boycott
- Little Rock Nine
- Selma to Montgomery marches
- Emmett Till's murder

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- 1960
- 1963
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READING COMPREHENSION

ANSWERS

1. When was Medgar Evers born?
Answer: b) July 2, 1925

2. In which state did Medgar Evers play a key role?
Answer: b) Mississippi

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8. In addition to voter registration drives and desegregation efforts, what did Medgar Evers involve in?
Answer: c) Freedom Rides

9. What organization works to promote civil rights and social justice, named after Medgar and Myrlie Evers?
Answer: c) Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute

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

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1. When was Medgar Evers born?

- a) July 12, 1930
- b) July 2, 1925
- c) June 14, 1940
- d) June 12, 1935

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 Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

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Where was Medgar Evers honored in the Civil Rights Memorial?

Montgomery, Alabama
Memphis, Tennessee

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- ✓ 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.

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