



Civil Rights Act of 1964 (11.10.6)

Background:

In June 1964 President John Kennedy introduced a legislative package that was aimed in part at allowing all people to be served in public places and bringing protections to voters. Kennedy met resistance, mostly from southern Democrats who did not want federal intervention and wanted to keep current laws and practices. It would not be until after Kennedy's death and the political maneuverings of his successor Lyndon Johnson that the Civil Rights Act would be passed.

Prompt:

Was JFK a strong supporter of Civil Rights?

Task:

In a well thought out essay:

- Write a claim in response to the prompt.
- Support your claim by using at least five pieces of evidence from the documents, background reading, and additional research on the Civil Rights Act, its supporters and opponents and Kennedy's actions in support or opposition of civil rights.
- Be sure to explain how the evidence you have chosen supports your claim
- Incorporate at least two additional pieces of evidence from the documents and/or your research that argues against your claim and use your evidence to counter that opposing claim.