



ISD Virtual Learning

# 11th Grade/US History

April 29th, 2020



Grade/Course

Lesson 28: April 29th, 2020

**Objective/Learning Target:** Explain the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the battle that was going on in SELMA, Alabama over voting restrictions

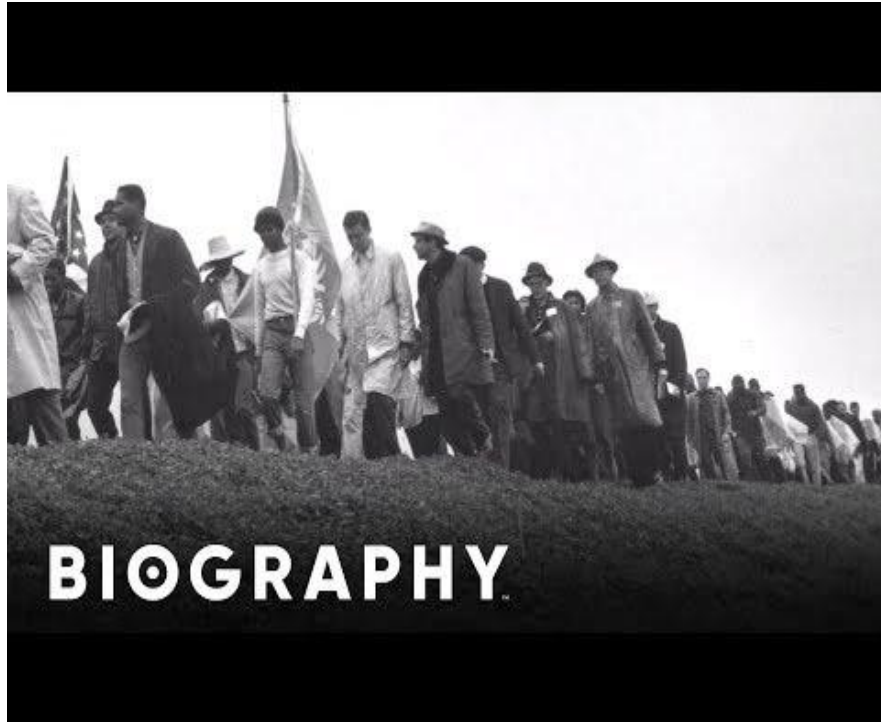
# Warm Up: Connecting the past to the present (1965)

The 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified in 1870 and nearly 100 years after in the 1960s blacks all across the South were still having their right to vote infringed upon by voting restrictions such as the poll tax and literacy test.

Congress passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to eliminate these restrictions on voting.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965, signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, aimed to overcome legal barriers at the state and local levels that prevented African Americans from exercising their right to vote as guaranteed under the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Voting Rights Act is considered one of the most far-reaching pieces of civil rights legislation in U.S.

# Lesson Activity:



# Practice

After watching the two videos answer the following questions.

1. The scene in SELMA with Oprah Winfrey what was she trying to do and what thoughts did you have when she was denied?
2. Who was the leader for the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama?
3. What did President Johnson pass in response to Selma?

# Reflection

## Voter Suppression in 2020

<https://www.aclu.org/news/civil-liberties/block-the-vote-voter-suppression-in-2020/>

After going through the ACLU article have you noticed any other voter suppression in the news in the United States in the 2016 Presidential Election or the 2020 Presidential Primary?

# Practice Answers

After watching the two videos answer the following questions.

1. The scene in SELMA with Oprah Winfrey what was she trying to do and what thoughts did you have when she was denied? She was trying to register to vote and the County Clerk denied her and made up reasons as to why she could not register and also tried blackmailing her to her employer about registering to vote.
2. Who was the leader for the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama? Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
3. What did President Johnson pass in response to Selma? Proposed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to Congress