

Inquiry Design Blueprint

Compelling Question:	How can one individual influence social and political change?	
Standards:	MS.8.7 Analyze the impact of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi and the United States. MS.8.7a Examine the role of individuals such as Medgar Evers. MS.8.7b Evaluate strategies used by Civil Rights activists.	
Staging the Question:	Students view a short documentary segment showing the aftermath of Medgar Evers' assassination and complete a quick-write discussing why one activist's death could become a turning point in a movement.	
Supporting Question 1: Who was Medgar Evers and what motivated his activism?	Supporting Question 2: What strategies did Medgar Evers use to challenge segregation in Mississippi?	Supporting Question 3: Why did Medgar Evers' assassination have such a powerful national impact?
1. Create a timeline of Medgar Evers' early life and activism.	2. Analyze documentary clips and identify protest strategies.	3. Discuss how media coverage influenced public reaction.
Formative Performance Task 1: Students construct a short timeline highlighting key events in Medgar Evers' life.	Formative Performance Task 2: Students complete a strategy chart identifying problems, strategies, and outcomes.	Formative Performance Task 3: Students write a paragraph explaining the national impact of Evers' assassination.
1. Timeline worksheet	2. Strategy analysis chart	3. Short written reflection
Featured Sources	Featured Sources	Featured Sources
1. Everlasting: The Life and Legacy of Medgar Evers (6:00–12:00) 2. NAACP archival photos	1. Everlasting documentary (18:30–23:00) 2. Civil Rights protest footage	1. Everlasting documentary (39:00–45:00) 2. Historical analysis articles

Students write an essay explaining how Medgar Evers influenced the Civil Rights Movement.	Argument: Students present their argument through an essay or presentation.
Taking Informed Action	Understand: Examine current social justice movements. Assess: Evaluate the effectiveness of activism strategies. Act: Design a community awareness message.