

# Georgia Moves Forward

Evaluate how Georgia activists shaped the modern civil rights movement.

**SS8H11** "Evaluate the role of Georgia in the modern civil rights movement."

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline two details that show Georgia activists contributed to the civil rights movement, and circle two details that show obstacles or limits they faced. Use your marks to evaluate Georgia's role.

### Georgia and the Civil Rights Movement

- ① Georgia became an important center of the modern civil rights movement because organizers, students, churches, and national leaders worked there. Atlanta was home to Martin Luther King Jr., who studied at Morehouse College and later helped lead the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, or SCLC. The SCLC used nonviolent marches, boycotts, and speeches to challenge segregation across the South. Georgia's location and its well-known leaders helped local protests gain national attention, showing that events in one state could influence a wider movement.
- ② In Albany, Georgia, the Albany Movement began in 1961 when local activists, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and the NAACP challenged segregated public facilities and unfair voting practices. King and the SCLC joined the campaign. Police arrested many demonstrators, but city officials avoided the dramatic violence that might have drawn stronger national support. The campaign did not quickly end segregation in Albany. Still, it taught movement leaders that they needed clear goals and focused pressure, lessons later used in other civil rights campaigns.
- ③ Georgia's role was not limited to famous leaders. In 1960, students from Atlanta's historically Black colleges formed the Atlanta Student Movement. They held sit-ins and published "An Appeal for Human Rights," demanding equal treatment in public places. Their protests and negotiations helped bring gradual desegregation to some Atlanta lunch counters in 1961. Georgia activists also faced arrests, resistance, and slow change. Together, campaigns in Atlanta and Albany showed both the power and the limits of nonviolent local action, while helping shape strategies for the national movement.

**2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE** \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

**1** What two factors helped make Georgia an important center of the civil rights movement?

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**2** Evaluate the Albany Movement. What was one limit of the campaign, and what was one important result?

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**3** How did the Atlanta Student Movement help advance civil rights in Georgia? Use two actions from the passage.

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**4** How do the Atlanta and Albany campaigns together show both the power and the limits of nonviolent local action?

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**3 YOUR TURN** \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Write a three- or four-sentence evaluation of Georgia's overall role in the modern civil rights movement. Make a clear claim, use one detail from Atlanta and one detail from Albany, and explain why Georgia mattered beyond its own borders.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline two details that show Georgia activists contributed to the civil rights movement, and circle two details that show obstacles or limits they faced. Use your marks to evaluate Georgia's role. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                                        | ANSWER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 1 | What two factors helped make Georgia an important center of the civil rights movement?                          | <b>Georgia had major organizers, students, churches, and national leaders, including Martin Luther King Jr. and the SCLC in Atlanta. Its leaders and protests also gained national attention.</b>                                          |
| 2 | Evaluate the Albany Movement. What was one limit of the campaign, and what was one important result?            | <b>The campaign did not quickly end segregation in Albany. It taught leaders to use clear goals and focused pressure in later campaigns.</b>                                                                                               |
| 3 | How did the Atlanta Student Movement help advance civil rights in Georgia? Use two actions from the passage.    | <b>Atlanta students held sit-ins and published "An Appeal for Human Rights." Their protests and negotiations helped bring gradual desegregation to some Atlanta lunch counters.</b>                                                        |
| 4 | How do the Atlanta and Albany campaigns together show both the power and the limits of nonviolent local action? | <b>They show power because activists organized protests, challenged segregation, and helped create change and new strategies. They show limits because activists faced arrests and resistance, and change in Albany was not immediate.</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

Georgia played an important role in the modern civil rights movement because its activists created change and developed strategies for other campaigns. In Atlanta, students used sit-ins and negotiations to help desegregate some lunch counters. In Albany, the movement did not win quickly, but it taught leaders to set clearer goals and apply focused pressure. These Georgia campaigns helped shape the national movement.

Accept equivalent claims that evaluate Georgia as important while recognizing limits and slow progress. For the open response, look for a claim, accurate Atlanta and Albany evidence, and an explanation of Georgia's wider influence.