

Evidence Review and Culminating Question

Step 1: Evidence Review

Before the final write we will trace our way back through the Summary Organizer and Evidence Gathering Worksheets to establish a sense of what evidence you have identified through the close reading process. This will give us a chance to catch up with our evidence collection before the final writing activity and solidify our understanding of Humphrey's animated "plea" for a new civil rights movement in America.

Culminating Question

Prompt:

In his speech to the 1948 Democratic National Convention, Minneapolis mayor Hubert Humphrey makes a strong case for the establishment of a real, working movement to extend civil rights to all. He describes what he sees as "the plain path" for the American people to follow in this search for equality and to build America as the leader of the free world following the calamity of global conflict.

Task:

Using the evidence gathered throughout the class period (on your "Evidence Gathering Worksheet"), respond to the following prompt in no more than two paragraphs:

In his plea to Democrats and to all Americans, Humphrey refers to civil rights in America as the "bright sunshine of human rights" in the post-war world. What is the rationale behind this call for a new civil rights movement in the United States?