

## **Nonviolent Civil Rights Movements Continued**

1. Martin Luther King Jr.
  - a. Leader in the civil rights movement
  - b. Famous speaker
  - c. Head of the SCLC
  - d. Wrote a famous letter in 1963 while in prison for anti-segregation protests
    - i. "Letter from a Birmingham Jail"
      1. Addresses to 8 white clergymen
      2. Drew national attention to civil rights
2. Southern Christian Leadership Conference
  - a. AKA -> SCLC
  - b. Goal -> "redeem the soul of America through nonviolent resistance."
  - c. Helped coordinate civil rights activities among the different organizations
  - d. Still in operation today
3. March on Washington
  - a. August 28th, 1963 -> draw attention to help civil rights act pass
  - b. 250k people attended at Lincoln Memorial
  - c. MLK gave famous "I Have a Dream" speech (not planned, went off script)
4. Freedom Summers
  - a. Summer of 1964
  - b. Volunteers showed up to help blacks register to vote in Mississippi
  - c. 3 men killed with continual violence towards volunteers
  - d. Not successful, but convinced President Johnson to sign Civil Rights Act of 1964
5. Civil Rights Act of 1964
  - a. Finally passed July 2nd, 1964
  - b. Bans discrimination based on race, religion etc
6. Selma to Montgomery March
  - a. March 1965
  - b. Protest shooting of a young African American
  - c. Resulted in "blood Sunday"
  - d. Eventually successful when President Johnson sent National Guard to help
  - e. August of 1965 Congress passes Voting Rights Act
    - i. -> guarantees all African Americans right to vote (bans literacy tests)