

## Student Organizer 1

**Directions: Refer to the questions below as you complete your interview for Activity 1. Feel free to add or modify questions as you wish.**

1. Many civil rights activists claim that their religious faith served as a significant influence on their involvement in the movement. Why do you suppose this is the case?
2. Do you think that religion has powered the civil rights movement since its inception? How so?
3. In your opinion, should religious beliefs be kept separate from the civil rights movement? Why or why not?
4. By allowing civil rights activists to draw their inspiration from religion and speak openly about faith, is the separation of church and state compromised? If so, how?
5. As long as religion inspires people to work for causes that promote the equality and fair treatment of all US citizens, should that source of inspiration be stifled? Why or why not?
6. By accepting faith as a key motivator in the civil rights movement, are citizens obligated to allow religious beliefs and commitments to serve as a motivator for other social issues? Why or why not?
7. In what ways might this be positive? How might the results be negative?
8. Are there social issues that are hindered by religious beliefs? What are they?
9. Has the civil rights movement ever been hindered by faith? If so, how?
10. In your opinion, should efforts be made to keep religious beliefs out of social and political issues? Is it possible to do this? Why or why not?

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