

U.S. Ethnic Studies**Eyes on the Prize: Mississippi: Is this America?****Name:** _____**Per.** _____

This episode of *Eyes on the Prize* takes the us to Mississippi, a state notorious for the brutality of its citizens' responses to desegregation. As you watch the film, please collect evidence to help answer some of these essential questions.

Essential Questions	Evidence gathered from film/Response
1) Why do you think this episode is titled "Mississippi: Is This America?" How were the challenges in Mississippi similar to those in other Southern states? How did the situation in Mississippi highlight the racial barriers and attitudes faced by the nation as a whole?	
2) Why did activists focus on voter registration in their efforts to dismantle segregation in the South? What obstacles did blacks face as they tried to exercise this basic freedom?	
3) What was the role of white activists in a movement that focused on black freedom? What leverage did they bring? Why did some activists challenge their participation? What do you think about their involvement?	
4) What strategies were	

employed during Freedom Summer to reverse years of intimidation, segregation, and discrimination in Mississippi? How did the various components of the program connect?	
5) What tensions and conflicts in the mid-twentieth century democratic process did the MFDP expose in its struggle for recognition by the Democratic Party?	

What key 'take-aways' or significant pieces of information did you take from this episode?