Mr. Beckett

Civil Rights/Vietnam Essays

**Directions**

Compose 2 essays, each with a length of 600 words minimum, containing a thesis, evidence from the documents, and factual knowledge from your notes, and *Upfront* magazines, addressing the 2 prompts below.

**Prompt #1 – Civil Rights**

Explain the origins of the Civil Rights movement – what events sparked the quest for civil rights in 1955?

Explain what the objectives and the means to achieve these goals.

**Prompt #2 – The Vietnam War. Do not answer each question individually, but blend/weave the responses together into a cohesive response. Hint: do not literally link each question’s answer with an “and” in your papers, but connect one with the next in this manner and you have an impression of an overall thesis.**

Why did the United States become politically and militarily involved in the Vietnam War?

What military and political difficulties did Presidents Johnson and Nixon face in trying to win in Vietnam?

What is the lasting impression of the war on American society since 1975?