

Basic US History
End Unit – Post WWII America
Eyes on the Prize Questions

Fighting Back (1957-1962)

1. What did Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall mean when he said “90 odd years is pretty gradual?”

2. How happened to Autherine Lucy? How did this affect the movement to desegregate schools in the South?

3. What order did Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus give to the National Guardsmen he sent to Central High in Little Rock?

4. How did Elizabeth Eckford unwittingly show the rest of the world what was really going on in Little Rock?

5. How did the issue of desegregating Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas become an issue of federal versus state power?

6. What were the cards that said “One down, eight to go” talking about?

7. In 1961 the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) claimed that it did not refuse to register students on the basis of race; why, then, did James Meredith have to sue in court to be admitted to Ole Miss?

8. How was President John F. Kennedy involved in James Meredith’s quest to be admitted to Ole Miss?
