

TEACHER GUIDE TO STUDENT WORKSHEET 1-ROCK 'N' RACE TIMELINE

Directions:

With your partner, read each event on the timeline. Determine whether the event signifies PROGRESS (P) or a SETBACK (S) in American race relations. Record a P or S in the space provided in front of each number. Next, label each event number at its corresponding city on the blank map of the United States. Be sure to consult your Classroom Atlas to ensure accuracy. When labeling event numbers at their locations, use blue ink to show events you identified with a P on the timeline and red ink to show events you identified with an S. Finally, you and your partner must create a legend and appropriate title for your thematic map. Once these final two components are completed, show the teacher and begin work on Worksheet 2: Rock 'N' Race Discussion Questions.

Rock 'N' Race Timeline

- _____ 1. July 1951 DJ Alan Freed (Johnstown, PA native) starts a radio program in Cleveland, "Moondog Rock 'n' Roll Party, which broadcasts black music to white teenagers
- _____ 2. May 1954 US Supreme Court (Washington, D.C.) rules segregation in public education unconstitutional in *Brown v. Bd. Of Education of Topeka, KS*
- _____ 3. July 1954 First White Citizens' Council formed in Indianola, Mississippi
- _____ 4. July 1954 Discovered in Memphis, Elvis Presley is signed by RCA, and like African-American singers Chuck Berry, Little Richard, and Fats Domino, Presley popularizes blues expressions and movement for white audiences
- _____ 5. May 1955 US Supreme Court (Washington, D.C.) issues *Brown II* mandating school desegregation
- _____ 6. Aug. 1955 Emmett Till is murdered in Money, Mississippi
- _____ 7. Dec. 1955 Rosa Parks is arrested in Montgomery, AL for refusing to give up her seat to a white person on a bus
- _____ 8. July 1956 Dick Clark becomes host of American Bandstand in Philadelphia
- _____ 9. Dec. 1956 Blacks ride desegregated buses in Montgomery, AL
- _____ 10. Aug. 1957 Congress (Washington, D.C.) passes the Civil Rights Act of 1957
- _____ 11. Sept. 1957 Arkansas Governor Orville Faubus calls out the National Guard to prevent nine black students from entering Little Rock H.S.
- _____ 12. Feb 1960 Four students stage a sit-in at a Woolworth department store in Greensboro, NC, sparking massive sit-ins across the South
- _____ 13. Aug. 1960 Chubby Checker appears on *American Bandstand* (Philadelphia) and performs his #1 Billboard hit "The Twist"