

## Intro:

Since the 1960s millions of Americans have benefited from a great expansion of civil rights and other societal reforms. These were accomplished through several social movements with a common goal – a United States government “of the people, by the people, and for the people” which protects *all* citizens’ and residents’ rights to enjoy “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” Collectively, these movements have resulted in a more inclusive American society while expanding the protection of the federal government to more Americans. The movements’ proponents have continued the ongoing historical process of evolving the United States from a republic of limited participation and protection towards a more perfect Union.

## Task:

Research and present on the origins, course, successes, and failures of a major reform movement in recent American history.

- Identify why reform was considered necessary by some people. What conditions existed which made reformers want to struggle for a change?
- Who was involved in the movement and why?
- What happened? Was the movement organized and, if so, how? What were the major turning point events in the movement?
- What changes resulted from the movement’s efforts? Were new laws enacted? How did the movement alter popular opinion?
- What goals of the movement have failed or have not been achieved to date? What remains to be done in the opinion of the movement’s supporters?
- Who objects to this movement and what do they object to? What successes has the opposition had in defeating or delaying the movement’s reform efforts?

## Produce:

Create an infographic poster on [Piktochart](#), [Vennage](#), or [Canva](#) which advocates for your assigned reform movement.

- Make your poster look professional. It must be visually appealing. Create a readable and attractive product but do not do so by sacrificing content.
- Include popular slogans and images from the movement.
- Present paragraph-length summaries of your answers to the questions above.
- Be sure to also include a summary of the opposition’s stance and the reasons for their objections.

Choose one of the following reform movements:

- American Indian Rights
- Civil Rights
- Consumer and Worker Safety Rights
- Education
- Environmental Protection
- Gay Rights
- Handicapped and Disabled Persons Rights
- Health Care
- Immigration
- Latin American Rights
- Nuclear Arms Limitations
- Women’s Rights