The World Of Cecil Part One
Viewing Guide

Introduction into the life of Cecil Williams

1. What was Cecil's first camera and who gave it to him?
2. At what age did Cecil begin sending his work to black and national publications?
3. What interests, other than photography, did Cecil have?
4. What are his ties to Althea Gibson and Arthur Ashe?

Briggs v. Elliott

1. What national figure was captured by Cecil in Charleston, SC connecting SC to the Civil Rights Movement?
2. What was the first case to attack segregation and public education?
3. Who was Reverend Joseph DeLaine and how does he connect with the case?
4. How did Modjeska Simkins support families affected?

Orangeburg Freedom Movement

1. During the summer of 1955, the local NAACP of Orangeburg formulated a petition. What were they requesting?
2. How did the White community retaliate?
3. How did the Black community respond to the retaliation?
4. Who visited Claflin University to speak out against the constitutionality of school segregation?

Student Protests

1. Who influenced the nonviolent resistance in Orangeburg, SC?
2. Who participated?
3. How did The Board of Trustees of South Carolina State University respond to their student demonstration in the dining hall?
4. What significant event occurred on April 1, 1960?
5. Which case led to statewide desegregation in South Carolina?
6. What threatened the movement's momentum?
7. Who gave a speech at Trinity United Methodist church in Orangeburg, SC that rejuvenated the movement?

Cecil and JFK

1. What announcement did Kennedy make at the Roosevelt Hotel?
2. Describe the association between Kennedy and Cecil Williams.

The Pink Palace

1. Inspired by the Greensboro sit-ins, describe the event that took place on March 15, 1960?
2. How many students were detained as a result?
3. What and where was the pink palace as described by Cecil Williams?
4. What sacrifice was made in order to release the students on bail?
5. Reported and published by the New York Times, who captured images of the largest student led demonstration in history?

Edwards v. South Carolina

1. What event took place in Columbia, SC on March 2, 1961?
2. What was Congressman James Clyburn's role?
3. Explain the "Breach of Peace" Law?
4. Did the photographs taken by Cecil Williams support or undermine the claims that students were in "breach of peace?"
5. What was the decision made in the pivotal Edwards vs South Carolina case?

Clemson University's Integration

1. Why was Cecil Williams denied entry into Clemson for architecture?
2. Who integrated Clemson University? When? Describe their experience.
3. Who integrated the University of South Carolina? When? Describe their experiences.
4. How did Cecil Williams photographs stand out from other photographers?

Orangeburg Massacre

1. Why did the owner of the All Star Bowling Alley in Orangeburg, SC believe he was exempt from the 1964 Civil Rights Act?
2. How did events escalate on February 6, 1968 at the bowling alley?
3. How did students respond?
4. Why did events become known as the Orangeburg Massacre?