

NEWS BREAK

Sunday's News Break selects an article from Sunday, January 31, 2016 of The Seattle Times e-Edition for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected story and answer the attached study questions.

Georgia Davis Powers, civil rights leader, 92 (Main, page A8)

Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

1. What are civil rights? Why are civil rights important? Have you ever heard of Georgia Davis Powers?
2. **Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions below.**

- A. assassinated
- B. accommodation
- C. civil rights
- D. confidante
- E. deprived
- F. discrimination
- G. disenfranchised
- H. founder
- I. icon
- J. legacy
- K. notoriety
- L. segregation
- M. soft-spoken
- N. waver

1. not having the things that are needed for a good or healthy life
2. the practice or policy of keeping people of different races, religions, etc., separate from each other
3. something done to provide what is needed or wanted for someone or something
4. a person who is very successful and admired
5. to prevent (a person or group of people) from having the right to vote
6. to go back and forth between choices or opinions : to be uncertain about what you think about something or someone
7. a woman who is a trusted friend
8. something that happened in the past or that comes from someone in the past
9. the condition of being famous or well-known especially for something bad
10. to kill (someone, such as a famous or important person) usually for political reasons
11. having a gentle, quiet voice or manner
12. the practice of unfairly treating a person or group of people differently from other people or groups of people
13. a person who creates or establishes something that is meant to last for a long time (such as a business or school)
14. the rights that every person should have regardless of his or her sex, race, or religion

Comprehension

1. What civil rights icon was Georgia Davis Powers a close confidante of?
2. In 1967, Mrs. Powers became the first African-American woman to do what?
3. When Mrs. Powers was a teenager, she quit a job at a five-and-dime store rather than do what?
4. Mrs. Powers was a _____ of the Allied Organizations for Civil Rights. **(Fill in the blank)**
5. In 1964, she helped organize a march in Frankfort to push to end racial _____ in public _____. **(Fill in the blanks)**
6. How many years did Georgia Davis Powers serve in the state Senate?
 - a) 16 years
 - b) 21 years
 - c) 25 years
7. One of the first bills she introduced in the state Senate dealt with the removal of race from the state's operator's licenses. What personal experience did she say that effort was prompted by?
8. Kentucky became the first southern state to pass a civil-rights law – **true or false?**
9. Name two specific causes Georgia Davis Powers fought for?

Additional Activities

1. Read the following civil rights timeline at: <http://kids.laws.com/civil-rights-timeline>. Then make your own timeline by picking out 10 events from the list that you think were key (most important) to the civil rights movement from 1951 - 1969.
2. Read about the Kentucky Civil Rights Act of 1966:
<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/Moments14RS/web/legislative%20moment%2043.pdf>
3. Pick a civil rights leader to research and then write a short essay, with an introduction, body and conclusion about the civil rights leader you researched.

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Answer Key to Vocabulary

- A. 10
- B. 3
- C. 14
- D. 7
- E. 1
- F. 12
- G. 5
- H. 13
- I. 4
- J. 8
- K. 9
- L. 2
- M. 11
- N. 6

Answer Key to Comprehension Questions

1. Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.
2. She was the first African-American woman elected to the Kentucky state Senate.
3. She quit her job rather than tell black customers they weren't allowed to eat their food at the counter.
4. founder
5. segregation, accommodations
6. b) 21 years
7. She said it was prompted by her own experience when she was a 16-year old trying to get her driver's license and was asked her race.
8. True
9. Fair housing, employment rights, equal rights for women, equal rights for lesbians and gays, etc. (Only two examples necessary – answers may vary)