**Source A – *The Bloody Massacre Perpetrated in King Street* by Paul Revere, 1770**  
Source Type: Engraving  
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**Source B – Excerpt: George Washington to George William Fairfax, May 31, 1775**  
Source Type: Letter

1. Unhappy it is though to reflect, that a Brother’s Sword has been sheathed in a Brother’s breast,
2. and that, the once happy and peaceful plains of America are either to be drenched with Blood, or
3. Inhabited by Slaves. Sad alternative! But can a virtuous Man hesitate in his choice?

**Source C – Excerpt: *Civil Disobedience*, Henry David Thoreau, 1849**  
Source Type: Essay

1. I heartily accept the motto, ‘That government is best which governs least’; and I should like to see
2. it acted up to more rapidly and systematically. Carried out, it finally amounts to this, which also I
3. believe - ‘That government is best which governs not at all’; and when men are prepared for it
4. that will be the kind of government which they will have. Government is at best but an expedient;
5. but most governments are usually, and all governments are sometimes, inexpedient. The
6. objections which have been brought against a standing army, and they are many and weighty, and
7. deserve to prevail, may also at last be brought against a standing government. The standing army
8. is only an arm of the standing government. The government itself, which is only the mode which
9. have chosen to execute their will, is equally liable to be abused and perverted before the people
10. can act through it. Witness the present Mexican war, the work of comparatively a few individuals
11. using the standing government as their tool; for, in the outset, the people would not have
12. consented to this measure.

**Source D – Excerpt: *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, Martin Luther King Jr., 1963**  
Source Type: Essay

1. You deplore the demonstrations that are presently taking place in Birmingham. But I am sorry
2. that your statement did not express a similar concern for the conditions that brought the
3. demonstrations into being. I am sure that each of you would want to go beyond the superficial
4. social analyst who looks merely at effects and does not grapple with underlying causes. I would
5. not hesitate to say that full confidence of a happy meeting with you sometime in the fall…I retain
6. an unalterable it is unfortunate that so-called demonstrations are taking place in Birmingham at
7. this time, but I would say in more emphatic terms that it is even more unfortunate that the white
8. power structure of this city left the Negro community with no other alternative.

**Source E –*A Ride for Liberty* by Eastman Johnson, ca. 1862**  
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**Source F – *Suffragettes Picketing the White House in 1917* byHarris & Ewing**  
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**Source G – *Kent State/John Paul Filo* by John Paul Filo, May 4, 1970**  
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**Source H – *Black Lives Matter* by Jay Mitchell, 2014**  
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