

UT MARTIN CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE
PERSUASIVE ESSAY CONTEST

During the summer of 1964 thousands of civil rights workers organized in Mississippi to register the state's disenfranchised black population. These civil rights workers and the people they were attempting to register faced violence and death for demanding the constitutional right to vote. Why is the right to vote so important that people (both black and white) risked their lives to attain it during the Civil Rights Movement? Why did so many white Southerners oppose black people's right to vote? Your essay will necessarily demonstrate informed awareness of voting rights and their violation, and how voting affects the creation and enforcement of laws.

- YOUR ESSAY SHOULD BE: 800-1000 WORDS INCLUDING TITLE, TYPED, DOUBLE-SPACED
- USE MLA FORMAT, STANDARD ENGLISH PARAGRAPHS, SENTENCES, & GRAMMAR. BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SOURCES USED REQUIRED.
- YOUR ESSAY SHOULD BE RESEARCH-BASED. IT CAN INCLUDE INTERVIEW DATA FROM APPROPRIATE, KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES.
- ONE ENTRY PER PERSON.
- SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY IN A MANILLA ENVELOPE
- DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR ESSAY: ON COVER SHEET WRITE YOUR NAME, UTM ID NUMBER, CLASS STATUS, EMAIL and MAILING ADDRESSES, MOST ACCESSIBLE PHONE NUMBER, WITH THE TITLE OF YOUR ESSAY

DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014, NOON, HU 131, DR. HEIDI HUSE'S MAILBOX, (Dept. of English & Modern Foreign Languages).