

## **Response to Readings: Saturday, November 3, 2007**

### **The Civil Rights Movement in Ohio and American Political History**

Core theme: Presidents and Politics: Ohio and American Political History

**Reading: Bruce J. Dierenfield, *The Civil Rights Movement* (Pearson Longman, 2004)**

The civil rights movement was one of the most important reform movements in American history. This book recounts the extraordinary and often bloody story of how tens of thousands of ordinary blacks overcame long odds to dethrone segregation, to exercise the right to vote and to improve their economic standing. The book includes maps, photographs, primary source documents, a chronology, and a Who's Who of key figures. *(from the book cover)*

As you read, think about the following question and answer it in one to two typed pages:

Discuss a few examples of how African-American ideas about or approaches to Civil Rights in America changed from 1950 to 1968.