**Civil Rights Leaders**

* The Civil Rights Movement was so successful because of the people that organized all the protests and events.
* Imagine a world where Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks were never born. What would it be like?
* During the Civil Rights Movement, important people involved in politics and the movement were killed.

**Leaders**

* These leaders wanted to bring change to the country, ensure that everyone is equal, and make sure the laws in America helped everyone.
* However, not everybody liked these goals.
* Sometimes, they would use violence against the people that wanted to bring change and equality.

**John F. Kennedy**

* John F. Kennedy became president in 1961.
* He was different from presidents in the past because he was young and wanted to see America change.
* Most of all, he wanted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for all people.
* He gave hope to a lot of African Americans.
* However, on November 22, 1963, he was in Dallas, Texas.
* While riding in his limousine, he was shot.
* They rushed him to the hospital, but he died soon after.
* The world was really saddened and shocked!
* They couldn’t believe what happened - many African Americans felt like any hope of a new Civil Rights law would never come true now that Kennedy was dead.

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

* Martin Luther King Jr. was the leader of the Civil Rights Movement.
* He helped organize the Montgomery Bus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and March on Washington.
* He gave the most famous Civil Rights speech: I Have a Dream.
* On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. was leaving his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, when he was shot by James Earl Ray.
* Ray was a racist person who did not like the things that Martin Luther King, Jr. was doing.

**REACTIONS**

* Some people were extremely sad, and held peaceful vigils - and vowed not to give up the peaceful protests!
* Some people were extremely angry and rioted. They destroyed things and were violent.
* There were over 110 riots all over the country.

**Robert F. Kennedy**

* Robert F. Kennedy was the brother of the dead President John F. Kennedy.
* On the day King was shot, Kennedy gave a great speech about how its important to stay peaceful.
* Robert F. Kennedy was running for president at the time. He wanted to make sure to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the work with Civil Rights that his brother started.

**RFK Assassinated**

* Kennedy was at a campaign stop in California.
* He was walking through the hotel’s kitchen after he gave a speech.
* However, a person came up to him with a gun and shot him in the stomach.
* People were devastated once again!
* Many people turned to violence because they did not know what to do with all their sadness and anger.

**Conclusion**

* The assassinations of JFK, RFK, and Martin Luther King Jr. really affected Americans.
* Many people were inspired and vowed to continue the work that these three men started.
* Other people were so angry that they turned to violence and ended up rioting.
* In a way, the Civil Rights Movements ended and took a much more violent edge.