

Paired Text Questions

Part 1: Use the article "Robert Kennedy on Civil Rights, 1963" to answer the following questions:

1. How did the government (or Administration) take steps towards the exercise of civil rights? Give two examples from the text.
2. Give one example from the text of a local government voluntarily supporting a civil rights law.

Part 2: Use the Don't Buy a Ford Ever Again poster to answer the following questions:

1. How does this poster suggest that Ford is "fight[ing] the white people of the south"?
2. What might be a goal of the people who obey the poster and stop buying Ford cars, trucks, and other products?

Part 3: Use the article "Robert Kennedy on Civil Rights, 1963" & the Don't Buy a Ford Ever Again poster to answer the following questions:

1. Robert Kennedy's letter mentions that the nation's progress in the field of civil rights is partly due to "the responsibility and respect for law displayed by the great majority of the citizens of the South." Does the poster "Don't Buy a Ford Ever Again" support this idea? Use evidence to support your answer.

2. Read this statement:

"It was necessary for the federal government to create and enforce laws to support civil rights, rather than urging local communities to embrace civil rights on their own."

Argue for or against this statement using evidence from both texts.