

Selma to Montgomery: What Marchers Sensed

Activity 3

Look at the photo taken by Karales. Throughout this activity, keep in mind what you know about the march from Selma to Montgomery. Make all of your senses keenly alert—you will need them.

1. Write 3 adjectives describing the physical and geographical environment.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

2. Write 3 adjectives describing the emotions you imagine the marchers to be feeling.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

3. Write 3 adjectives describing the smells that marchers may have encountered.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

4. Write 3 common sounds that could be heard during the march.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

5. What tastes do you believe they had in their mouth? Do not just think of food, but think of their environment, what could get in their mouth, etc. You can also be metaphorical. Write 3 tastes.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

6. Now choose 3 adjectives describing how the people are dressed—representations of themselves and their journey.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

7. During the 5-day trek, they had time to think of many things...what happened to cause this event, what was happening on the march, what lay before them. Write 3 thoughts you believe to be going through their heads during any of these times. Try to write at least one from the beginning, middle, and end of the march.

- a.
- b.
- c.

8. Write 3 weather conditions the marchers most likely traveled through on their walk from Selma to Montgomery.

- a.
- b.
- c.

9. What are some of the textures your hands or face or body might often feel during the trip? Write 3 nouns and corresponding adjectives below.

- a.
- b.
- c.