PROMPT: Using at least three examples from the close reading and class discussions, write an essay that answers the following question: *To what extent was the struggle for marriage equality a continuation of the earlier Civil Rights Movement?*

Introduction Paragraph Suggested Structure:
- Topic sentence
- What is body paragraph 1 about? Include information on the example you’ll be using for this paragraph.
- What is body paragraph 2 about? Include information on the example you’ll be using for this paragraph.
- What is body paragraph 3 about? Include information on the example you’ll be using for this paragraph.
- Thesis statement (your answer to the prompt’s question)

Body Paragraphs: Examples of events, people, and ideas that influenced the fight for marriage equality. Things to consider:
- What is the background/context of the example?
- When and/or how did this idea develop/become popular?
- Who or what groups are associated with this example?
- How is this example related to marriage equality?
- In what ways did this (the example you’re using) influence other people and groups fighting for marriage equality and/or other civil rights issues?
- What was the reasoning behind the Supreme Court ruling on the issue of marriage equality? How can you use that information to support your argument or find other examples to use?

Conclusion Paragraph Suggested Structure:
- Restate thesis using different words
- Importance of example from Paragraph 2
- Importance of example from Paragraph 3
- Importance of example from Paragraph 4
- Overall conclusion and summary of importance of the struggle for marriage equality.