Lesson 1: Out of the Shadows
Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise

Free-Write Prompts

- The Voting Rights Act overcame legal barriers at the state and local levels that prevented African Americans from voting. Why was the passage of this law such an emotional experience for many African Americans?

- Television was a main source of news in the 1960s. Explain how the images of police attacking peaceful protesters and unarmed black men on the streets affected different segments of the viewing audience.

- What did the Watts riots reveal about the extent of racial tensions in America in the 1960s? What were the conditions in Los Angeles and elsewhere that led to this tension?