History Lab: Mapping the Long Civil Rights Movement

**Essential Question:** How can maps help to demonstrate the problems of race and voting in the American South during the Long Civil Rights Movement?

**Rationale:** The textbook often leaves out the dynamic movement and activity that occurred between Reconstruction and the modern Civil Rights movement. During this period of American history, there were dramatic shifts and patterns in the South that led to the Voting Rights Act of 1964.

**Directions:** Using the maps found at the Voting America database (<http://www.americanpast.org/voting/>) under the “Maps” tab, explore Presidential Elections, Individual Elections, and Population maps to find patterns that emerge from the sources between two sub-eras. Your pattern (thesis statement) should identify possible issues of race that emerge in the South through voting records during the Long Civil Rights Movement.

1884-1924

Pattern/Issue Identified: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1928-1968

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**Conclusion:** Based on the trends and patterns that you saw, make a prediction about what happened in the South between Reconstruction and the modern Civil Rights Movement? Use your identified patterns from the sub-eras to help answer this question. (2-4 sentences)

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