

Hispanic Activism: the American G.I. Forum

Seventh Grade

- 1) What position did Ed Idar Jr. hold in the American G.I. Forum?

- 2) How do you think Idar's experiences as a leader in the American G.I. Forum affected his perspective of events?

- 3) What was the primary concern of the American G.I. Forum?

- 4) How did the American G.I. Forum use women and young people?

5) Which senator was quite helpful to the American G.I. Forum in the early years?

6) How did the American G.I. Forum end discrimination at the Naval base in Corpus Christi, Texas?

7) How did Idar view problems such as discrimination at the naval base?

8) What did Idar consider the primary concern of the Forum? Why?

9) How did the American G.I. Forum conduct their back-to-school drives?

10) According to Ed Idar, Jr., was LULAC a useful organization? Why?

11) What was the purpose of organizing voter drives in the valley?

12) What was the political benefit of registering and organizing Hispanics to vote?

13) What was another problem the American G.I. Forum was concerned about?

14) How did the American G.I. Forum respond to the issue of illegal immigration?

15) How did the Eisenhower administration react to the efforts of the American G.I. Forum and the American Federation of Labor to squelch illegal immigration?

16) In San Antonio, who was the only elected Mexican-American politician in 1947?

17) Why did the Viva Kennedy Clubs decide to continue as political groups?

18) What was the MAPA?

19) What was the Political Association of Spanish-speaking Organizations (PASO)?

20) What candidates did PASO support in the 1962 election?

21) What happened in Crystal City in 1963 and why is it significant?

22) What organization aided PASO in Crystal City, Texas?

23) How did Hector P. Garcia react to PASO's involvement in Crystal City?

24) What were some of the benefits of the G.I. Forum as Ed Idar Jr. describes them?

25) Why do you think the various Hispanic groups did not form a unified faction with each other?

26) What made these early organizations important to the development of the Hispanic Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and 1970s?

