**Spokesperson and Spokesperson’s Aide Convention Prep Sheet**

Together, your role is to present your group’s positions for SNCC’s platform to the convention during each round of voting. Then, you will field and answer questions from other groups that oppose your stance. During the convention, it is the spokesperson’s responsibility to give the initial position and the spokesperson’s aide to answer the questions/critiques. It is important you bring up historical examples from the unit and from class to prove your position.

Remember, your goal in SNCC’s convention this week is to create a realistic path forward to achieving equality, and succinctly and passionately delivering your message and answering any critiques will help you do that.

**Instructions**: To do this, you should use your group’s profile, the “Perspectives Cheat Sheet,” and the following chart to organize your statements. Highlight which position you are writing a question for in the “Position” box. You should create **at least two reasons** for each position your team holds. Fill out the Historical Examples columns using your knowledge from class - these should be historical events, people, or examples that show when your position worked well in the Civil Rights Movement or in other time periods of history. You should have at least one for each position.

The first line has been provided as a model for you, using the topic of government spending.

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| **Position** | **Best reasons to support your position** | **Historical Examples from the Civil Rights Movement to Support My Position** | **Other Historical Examples to Support My Position** |
| ***Highlight your position:***  *Military spending vs. Social Welfare spending* | *-The US needs to have its military prepared with updated technology and weapons to protect its national interests*  *-The US is a policeman to the world and can use its strong military to help spread democracy and provide aid to other countries that need it* | *During the Civil Rights Movement, the US was in a Cold War with Russia. If the US had not been militarily prepared, the Soviets may have engaged in nuclear warfare, which would have led to the deaths of millions and erased the progress of the Civil Rights Movement’s fight to better society for all.* | *The US military was not prepared for WWII because of the Great Depression and feelings of isolationism. The attack on Pearl Harbor caught the US off guard and the US had to rapidly increase military production to fight in that war.* |
| ***Highlight your position:***  Inclusion vs. Exclusion |  |  |  |
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| ***Highlight your position:***  Violence vs. Non-Violence |  |  |  |
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| ***Highlight your position:***  Economic Equality vs. Political Equality |  |  |  |