

LESSON 2 WORKSHEET

Examining Young Leaders of New Orleans

Respond to the questions below by gathering evidence from the NOLA Resistance Oral Histories.

1. What inspired the young students of New Orleans to create a local CORE Chapter?
2. In its early inception CORE was supported by middle-class intellectuals who were pacifists. Part of their training was to study peaceful non-violent philosophical beliefs. According to Dodie Smith-Simmons, what were ways in which CORE members trained for non-violent direct action?
3. What was the “Freedom House”? Can you explain its importance?

4. What did New Orleans university students do in response to the arrest of Baton Rouge student protesters?

5. What was the “turning point” in David Dennis’s life that convinced him to be a freedom fighter with no fear?