



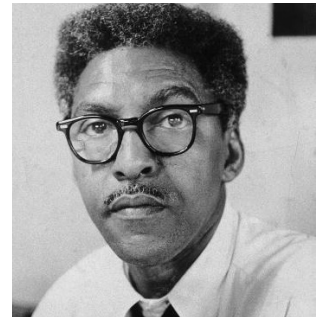
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BAYARD RUSTIN: THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL AND GAY RIGHTS

Exploring Vocabulary

Read the first seven paragraphs of the article “Gays are the New Niggers.” While reading underline these words: heterosexist, appropriating, pacifism, Gandhian and villainized. Then, write the sentence where the word is used. After reading the selected excerpt, discuss as a class how each word is used and summarize the discussion. Last, define each term using your own words, and explain how it applies to Bayard Rustin’s life and activism. Remember to use complete sentences.



American civil rights activist Bayard Rustin in his office in New York City, March 3, 1964. (Photo by Allan Baum/ New York Times Co./Getty Images)

HETEROSEXIST

Sentence from Text that Uses Word _____

Summary of Class Discussion _____

Your Definition and Relevance to Rustin’s Life _____

APPROPRIATING

Sentence from Text that Uses Word _____

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PACIFISM

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