

Worksheet 14: *Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin*

Name: _____ Date: _____

Brother Outsider illuminates the life and work of Bayard Rustin, a visionary activist and strategist who has been called “the unknown hero” of the Civil Rights Movement.

1. What did Bayard Rustin learn from Musty?
2. Who was A.J. Musty? What did Bayard Rustin learn from Musty? What was Rustin’s relationship with Musty?
3. What happened to Rustin in Tennessee? Why was this significant?
4. Why was he sentenced to three years in prison?
5. Why did Rustin visit India?
6. Why was Rustin arrested in California? What was the significance?
7. Why was he told to hide his sexual orientation?
8. What was the nature of Rustin’s visit to Montgomery, Alabama?
9. What was Rustin’s relationship with Martin Luther King Jr.?
10. What was the significance of the March on Washington? (For the movement? For Rustin’s life?)