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## Bill Russell: A Champion and Trailblazer in Basketball History

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Explain why Bill Russell's shot-blocking and defensive abilities were revolutionary in the game of basketball and how they contributed to the Boston Celtics' success.
2. Describe the significance of Bill Russell's activism and advocacy for civil rights in the context of both sports and society during the civil rights movement.
3. How did Bill Russell's leadership and commitment to teamwork set a standard for excellence in the NBA, and what can aspiring basketball players learn from his approach to the game?
4. In what ways did Bill Russell's contributions to the sport of basketball and society extend beyond his playing career, and why is he considered an iconic figure in both realms?

