VOCABULARY EXERCISE

Complete the sentences using the words from the list below:

**Word Bank:**  
segregation, grassroots, privilege, negotiate, promulgate, posthumously, combat, dismantle, Reconstruction era, discrimination

1. The activists at the \_\_\_\_\_ level played a crucial role in driving social movements forward.
2. The government made an effort to \_\_\_\_\_ the unequal education system by passing new laws.
3. He was honored \_\_\_\_\_ for his heroic actions in the war.
4. After the Civil War, the United States entered the \_\_\_\_\_, a period focused on rebuilding and reintegration.
5. Laws enforcing racial \_\_\_\_\_ were abolished during the civil rights movement.
6. Labor unions attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ fair wages and better working conditions for employees.
7. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ its new safety guidelines to ensure employee well-being.
8. Activists continue to \_\_\_\_\_ racial injustice by challenging oppressive systems.
9. Many believe that \_\_\_\_\_ plays a role in maintaining social inequality by favoring certain groups.
10. Efforts to reduce workplace \_\_\_\_\_ include implementing diversity training and equitable hiring practices.
11. **Exercise 1: Vocabulary in Context**
12. **1.** The activists worked tirelessly at the \_\_\_\_\_ level to advocate for social change.  
    a) segregation  
    b) grassroots  
    c) combat  
    d) privilege
13. **2.** During the \_\_\_\_\_, significant efforts were made to rebuild the Southern United States after the Civil War.  
    a) Reconstruction era  
    b) posthumously  
    c) promulgate  
    d) combat
14. **3.** The government decided to \_\_\_\_\_ new regulations to improve labor conditions.  
    a) dismantle  
    b) negotiate  
    c) promulgate  
    d) segregation
15. **4.** Many efforts were made to \_\_\_\_\_ racial inequality by removing oppressive laws.  
    a) dismantle  
    b) negotiate  
    c) privilege  
    d) segregation
16. **5.** He was awarded the Medal of Honor \_\_\_\_\_ for his brave actions during the war.  
    a) discrimination  
    b) privilege  
    c) posthumously  
    d) Reconstruction era
17. **1.** The civil rights movement aimed to end \_\_\_\_\_ in public spaces.  
    a) posthumously  
    b) grassroots  
    c) segregation  
    d) dismantle
18. **2.** The union representatives attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ a fair contract with the company.  
    a) dismantle  
    b) negotiate  
    c) promulgate  
    d) combat
19. **3.** The policy was meant to address \_\_\_\_\_ by creating equal opportunities for all.  
    a) posthumously  
    b) discrimination  
    c) privilege  
    d) combat
20. **4.** Many leaders \_\_\_\_\_ the systemic racism embedded in society.  
    a) posthumously  
    b) dismantle  
    c) combat  
    d) privilege
21. **5.** \_\_\_\_\_ is often seen as benefiting certain groups at the expense of others, making fairness difficult to achieve.  
    a) privilege  
    b) segregation  
    c) promulgate  
    d) discrimination