

# Civil Rights Movement Packet

Grades 4-8



TRUMBULL  
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**Voices Oral  
History Project**



# Introduction

*In this packet students will explore topics and themes related to The Civil Rights Movement, a decades long struggle by Black Americans to end institutionalized racism in the United States in the 1950s-1960s. People like Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, the Little Rock Nine, the Freedom Riders, and others, fought to end formal and informal segregation and gain equal voting rights for Black Americans. This packet provides resources to understand why the Civil Rights*

*Movement occurred, how leaders in the Black community and everyday citizens reacted to the events at the time, and how the Civil Rights Movement is still relevant and with us today.*



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i. **Cover:** The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X meet at the U.S. Senate on March 26, 1964, after a hearing on the 1964 Civil Rights Act **The Library of Congress**

01. A Young Woman Holds a Banner at the Civil Rights March on Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963 U.S. **National Archives and Records Administration/Wikimedia Commons**
02. Civil rights march on Washington, D.C. **Library of Congress**
03. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. addressing the crowd during Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom in Washington, D.C., 1957 **Leonard Freed; Library of Congress**



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# Voice Interviews / Primary & Secondary Sources

## Voice Interviews

Eugene Dawson talks about the important of the Civil Rights Movement

<https://bit.ly/3jBiRQw>

Dr. Robert Stringer on growing up in Alabama (discusses lynchings)

<https://bit.ly/3a1mtYA>

Herbert Caldwell discusses a walk-out at Warren G. Harding High School Grades 8 and up

<https://bit.ly/2N4hrSr>

Mattie Battle discusses segregation in Alabama

<https://bit.ly/3aO9hFE>

## Primary Sources

### → Speeches

Martin Luther King, Jr, "I Have a Dream"

<https://bit.ly/2LvROVf>

<https://bit.ly/3jsr3SQ>

Malcolm X on Policy

<https://bit.ly/3oZLnMO>

Oprah Winfrey's 2018 Golden Globes Acceptance Speech

<https://bit.ly/39ZwYmH>

### → Other

Documented Rights Exhibit, U.S. National Archives

<https://bit.ly/3rBFDKy>

Freedom Summer Digital Collection

<https://bit.ly/3oVKwMR>

Negro Traveler's Green Book

<https://on.nypl.org/3jvwwsf>

## Secondary Sources

Civil Rights Glossary

<https://on.nypl.org/3jvwwsf>

Civil Rights Overview

<https://bit.ly/3cQQ8FM>

Civil Rights in the 1950s Overview

<https://bit.ly/3q2vQgf>

Civil Rights Overview

<https://bit.ly/2LuA810>  
Rosa Parks & Montgomery Bus Boycott

<https://bit.ly/39WND31>

### → Books

**Blast Back!: The Civil Rights Movement** by Nancy Ohlin , Roger Simó

<https://bit.ly/3q2Bijg>

**Cornerstones of Freedom™- Third Series: The Civil Rights Movement** by Jennifer Zeiger

<https://bit.ly/3aD9KKM>

**Read-Aloud Plays: Civil Rights** by Mela Ottaiano

<https://bit.ly/3tCxqrx>



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# Writing Prompts / Activities

01.

How does racism effect people? How does it effect you?

Write a paragraph explaining how discrimination and prejudice impact our world today.

02.

Martin Luther King Jr. shared his dream for what the world should be like. His dream was to have a fair, peaceful world where everyone is equal to one another.

What would your dream world be like?

03.

What does it mean to “do the right thing?” Why do you think some people choose to do the easy thing as opposed to the right thing?

04.

Why do you think segregation is wrong? How would you try to convince someone in support of segregation that it was not fair? Would you be successful? Why or why not?

05.

**Me and We:** We Are All Similar and Different

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Visit the Documenting Rights exhibit on Flickr, provided by the U.S. National Archives. Select an image and, either verbally or in writing, discuss how it connects to the Civil Rights Movement

<https://bit.ly/3qdN9LL>

- 05. Malcolm X waits at Martin Luther King press conference, head-and-shoulders portrait **Trikosko, Marion S; U.S. News & World Report Magazine Photograph Collection**
- 06. On March 21st, demonstrators began marching from Selma to Montgomery for voting rights. When they reached the Alabama State Capitol Building, their numbers exceeded 25,000, 1965 **Wikimedia; Selma to Montgomery National History Trail Archive**
- 07. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 2017 **Wikimedia**
- 08. Monument to Martin Luther King Jr. **Theodore Grenz**

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- i. Policeman maintains watch from roof of Unity funeral home where body of Malcolm X is reposing, 1965 **Orlando Fernandez; World Telegram & Sun**
- ii. Martin Luther King Jr. during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, during which he delivered his historic “I Have a Dream” speech, calling for an end to racism, 1963 **National Archives at College Park; Still Picture Records Section, Special Media Archives Services Division (NWCS-S)**

