

## **Student Web Activity**

### **“Civil Rights Movement”**

#### **Introduction**

The civil rights movement was a grand attempt by African Americans to gain civil liberties and equality under the law with other citizens of the United States. It began in part due to the changes brought about by the Harlem Renaissance, a period of creative growth among African Americans. However, African Americans continued to face many inequalities, including segregation in public areas and schools as well as voting restrictions. During the 1950s, many African Americans decided to try and better their standing in society by actively resisting these restrictions. Although they faced many challenges, African Americans made some significant gains.

#### **Directions:**

Take notes each day as your teacher shows the presentation. Answer the questions for each section after the presentation on that section. After the last presentation you will research the internet links from the presentation on the civil rights movement. You will also write a short essay describing if you think the civil rights movement has ended. You will then debate your response with the class. Keep your responses in a portfolio to hand in to your teacher at the end of the week.

#### **Presentation Questions:**

##### **Harlem Renaissance**

1. What phenomenon caused the Great Migration? Why?
2. What was one unifying theme of the Harlem Renaissance?
3. What led to the riot in Harlem in 1935?

##### **Segregation**

1. When did segregation become common in Southern states?
2. What were some of the voting requirements that prevented African Americans from voting?

##### **School Desegregation**

1. What were some tactics used by opponents of desegregation?

##### **The Montgomery Bus Boycott**

1. What role did Martin Luther King, Jr., play in the Montgomery Bus Boycott?
2. How did the SCLC complement the NAACP?

##### **Sit-Ins**

1. How did the sit-ins get started?
2. Where did Ella Baker believe that civil right’s activities should be based?

##### **Freedom Riders**

1. What happened to the Freedom Riders in Anniston, Alabama?

2. Did the Freedom Rides have any successes? If so, what were they?

### **Desegregating Southern Universities**

1. How did the Kennedy administration enforce James Meredith's enrollment in the University of Mississippi?

### **The March on Washington**

1. What did the Civil Rights Act of 1964 do?

### **Voter Registration**

1. What skills did SNCC teach African Americans?
2. What occurred on Bloody Sunday?

### **Portfolio Writing Activity**

Use the internet links from the slide show presentation to research the civil rights movement. After reading through this information, consider what you believe to be the status of the civil rights movement today. Did it end, as some say, with the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.? Did it end after the Selma March, or is it still continuing in some form today? Write your response in a short essay. Be sure to use examples to make your case. Be prepared to debate your response with the rest of the class.