CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

The Civil Rights Movement refers to a time between the mid-1950's and late 1960's. Some important figures of this movement are: Martin Luther King Jr, John Lewis, Rosa Parks and Ruby Bridges. Some of the significant events during this time were: the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the March on Washington, the Freedom Rides and Little Rock Nine.

People had fought for the rights of African-Americans for several years, however the Civil Rights Movement was a critical time. During the Civil Rights Movement, African-Americans organized several events. These events were created to pressure the government to change or enforce laws that denied Blacks to be treated as equals.

The Civil Rights Movement was led by a Baptist minister named Martin Luther King Jr. He felt people should take a non-violent approach. They should not react in violence even when attacked. His words and actions helped show that African-Americans did not cause these attacks. They were simply trying to do things that others were allowed to do such as sit at a lunch counter, go to school or drink from the same drinking fountain.

Martin Luther King Jr. was able to organize and inspire people. He gave an encouraging speech in Washington D.C. during the March on Washington. This became known as the "I Have a Dream" speech. Martin Luther King spoke of what he hoped for in the future.

It is hard to pinpoint when the Civil Rights Movement began. However, some of the earlier events were Brown vs. Board of Education in 1954 which said that Black students should be allowed to go to school with White students. Sadly, this was not followed for many years. The government had to be pressured to enforce it.

Another significant early event was the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The Montgomery Bus Boycott was an event where people refused to ride the buses in Montgomery, Alabama. This was a reaction to the arrest of Rosa Parks. Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a White person on a bus.

The Civil Rights Movement came to an end in 1968. On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. was shot and killed outside a hotel in Memphis, Tennessee.

However, the fight for the rights of African-Americans continues today.

WORDS TO KNOW

Boycott – refuse to use or buy
Enforce – carry out
Significant – very important

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SYMBOLS

Underline the "Words to Know" found in the passage. (see bottom)

? Something you have a question about

! Something that surprised you

♡ My favorite fact

COLOR

YELLOW
What was Brown vs. Board of Education?

GREEN
What was King's approach to Civil Rights?

What was the Montgomery Bus Boycott?

PREVIEW

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

When wa[illegible]ch on Washington?

☐ [illegible]59 ☐ 1961 ☐ 1963

[illegible]ere wa[illegible]orn?

☐ Alabama ☐ Georgia ☐ Mississippi

What was th[illegible]t civil r[illegible]ts event organized by King?

☐ [illegible]n ☐ Speech ☐ Bus Boycott

T[illegible]E OR FALSE

Martin Luther King [illegible]er arrested for pr[illegible]ng.

TRUE [illegible]ALSE

King believed people should use non-violence to protest.

TRUE FALSE

[illegible] IN THE BLANK

In his speech, he said that [illegible]d a dream that o[illegible]day all children will be treated _____.

King was very smart and started [illegible]ollege [illegible]e age of _____.

WORD [illegible]EARCH

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MA[illegible]TIN
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MOREHOUSE
[illegible]TEST
[illegible]
[illegible]ETTA
THEOLOGY
EQUALITY

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RUBY BRIDGES

CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

Who tau[illegible] over a year?

☐ [illegible]s. Hens ☐ Mrs. Henry ☐ Mrs. Hendrix

[illegible] old w[illegible] whe[illegible] she challenged the system?

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

What year d[illegible] pass[illegible] test?

☐ [illegible] ☐ 1958 ☐ 1960

[illegible] OR FALSE

Ruby was ha[illegible]assed [illegible]ren and parents every d[illegible] the [illegible] to school.

TRUE [illegible]ALSE

Because of Ruby's courage, many other schools started allowing Black and white students to go to school together.

TRUE FALSE

[illegible] BLANK

Ruby's father lost his job a[illegible] family was ban[illegible] from the local _____.

Black children and white children [illegible]d to [illegible] separate _____.

WORD [illegible]EARCH

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C	I	Y	S	O	C	R	D	V	U	F	O	D	Q	C	R	B	T	F
G	D	P	Z	S	B	R	I	D	G	E	S	E	R	H	X	U	K	[illegible]
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G	B	O	X	L	F	B	N	Z	R	N	Z	L	X	Q	K	D	G	G	K

RU[illegible]

[illegible]DGES

SCHOOL

PROTEST

[illegible]ACHER

[illegible]ANNE[illegible]

[illegible]LIED

STUDENTS

TEST

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PREVIEW

RUBY BRIDGES

There was a time when in many places in the United States, Black children and white children [illegible] go to separate schools. Many Black students challenged the system by enrolli[illegible] all-[illegible]te schools. One little girl who challenged the system was a six-year old n[illegible] Ruby Br[illegible]es.

Ru[illegible]s a[illegible]y intelligent child. In 1960, Ruby Bridges took and passed a test that [illegible]owed her [illegible]oll in a [illegible]ite school. Her parents were part of the NAACP so they were excited for this [illegible]or[illegible]ity. The NAACP was an organization that fought for equal rights for Africa[illegible]ericans.

Ruby's [illegible] knew [illegible]ould help schools become more integrated. However, they we[illegible]so [illegible]cially [illegible]r father. They knew that their child would be bullied, but they knew [illegible]by was stron[illegible] also knew that if Ruby attended the white school, it could chan[illegible]e lives of [illegible]y oth[illegible]boys and girls.

In Nove[illegible]ber of [illegible] by went [illegible]er first day of school. Many pare[illegible]ere o[illegible]e protesting, yelling and throwing things. Th[illegible] didn't wa[illegible] a Black c[illegible] to go to school with their wh[illegible]hildren. Some p[illegible]nts did not care. They simply wan[illegible]o take thei[illegible]s to school, but were prevented by the crowds. Ev[illegible] escorted b[illegible]cers, Ruby could not get into a classr[illegible]that

On the second day, a w[illegible] broke throug[illegible] the protesting crowd to bring [illegible]r child to school. Soo[illegible] after, more and more white children started going t[illegible] school too. Ruby was finally able to get inside.

However, things were still diffi[illegible]f[illegible]y. All the teachers refused to teach Ruby - excep[illegible] - Mrs. Henry. Mrs. Henry taught Ruby alone for over a y[illegible] Ruby w[illegible] harassed by children and parents every day on th[illegible] school. Her father lost his job and the family w[illegible] banned from the local grocery store.

After a whole year, Ruby was finally allowe[illegible] study with the other children. Because of Ruby's cou[illegible]age, many other schools started allowing Black and white students to go to school together.

WORDS TO KNOW

Banned – not allowed
Protesting – showing disapproval
Escorted – guide for protection

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[illegible] favorite fact

COLOR

YELLO[illegible]
Wha[illegible]ppened on R[illegible]s first school day?

GREE[illegible]
[illegible]e Ruby'[illegible]
pa[illegible]s r[illegible]s?

[illegible]
How long did Mrs. Henry teach Ruby?

PREVIEW