



History: The Civil Rights Movement

Has life changed in America, since the 1950s?

Lesson sequence

Learning focus: To understand what America was like in the 1950s

Learning focus: To know what led to the civil rights movement

Learning focus: To understand the significance of the Montgomery bus boycott.

Learning focus: To collect evidence and suggest why one event might be more significant than another

Learning focus: To know the state of race relations in the USA today.

Learning focus: To answer the question - Has life changed in America, since the 1950s?

Concept Links/Prior Knowledge

20th century conflicts

Slavery

Significant people e.g. Rosa Parks

Vocabulary revision

Slavery

New vocabulary, I will learn

- Boycott
- Abolition
- Civil Rights
- Civil disobedience
- Integration
- Jim Crow Laws
- Segregation
- NAACP

The Civil Rights movement was a struggle for social justice throughout the 1950s and 1960s for Black Americans.

- They aimed to gain equal rights that would be protected and enacted by the United States law.
- Whilst the Civil War had abolished slavery, the discrimination against Black people continued.
- Black people could not use the same bathroom, hospitals, schools and often had to let a White person take their seat on the bus or let them

Sticky learning

New History Knowledge

- Know how equal American society was in the 1950s and how life was different for black and white people in the USA at this time.
- Know What the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of America guaranteed for people.
- Know What the Jim Crow Laws were
- Know what is meant but the term 'segregation' and how schools were segregated
- Know about Rosa Parks and what sparked the Montgomery bus boycott.
- Know what nonviolent civil disobedience is.
- Know who Martin Luther King Jr was and about his famous 'I Have a Dream' Speech
- Know why 250,000 people held a march in Washington DC
- Know about police brutality against black protestors and activists and the influence of the media on the general public.
- Know about the state of race relations in the USA today.
- Know about the Black Lives Matter movement in the US.
- Know how important civil disobedience was to make things better.
- Know how important it was to change laws to make things better.
- Know what the criticisms of the movement were.

History skills

- Evaluate primary sources to come to a conclusion
- Select evidence and organise that evidence to answer the question
- Be able to compare the significance of two events, changes, people or themes over time and in relation to their impact on the present
- Suggest why one might be seen as more significant than another
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- Create timelines for a purpose e.g. to show the development of a theme over time, the changes within an historical period
- Be able to explain trends in changes that have occurred over time using appropriate technical vocabulary
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Significant people



George Floyd



Rosa Parks



Martin Luther King Jr

Significant images



