



The American Civil Rights Movement

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Activity details...

Time for completion:	1 - 1.5 hours
Appropriate for ages:	8 and up
Number of Children's University Credits earned	1 stamp
Proof of Completion (brought to a local library):	Completed Info sheet & American Civil War Quilt

Aims and objectives...

In this activity, you will read about and listen to the history of the American Civil Rights Movement. As you learn about Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Junior and Malcom X, you will come to understand more about American History and the problems that faced African Americans as they fought for equality Also, as you make a unity wreath you will understand more about the art, beliefs and folklore of different cultures.

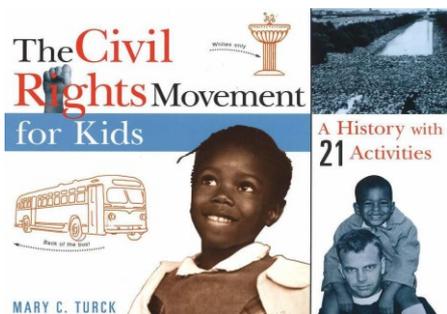
Introduction...

In the America, there were some who believed that not all men were created equal, even though that is what the Constitution promised all citizens of the United States. For many years, slavery was allowed and African-American men, women and children were not only denied rights, they were also treated as property. Even after the Civil War, which was fought to end slavery, African-Americans were not treated equally. In the southern states blacks and whites were separated in public. This practice, called segregation, forced black and white Americans to attend different schools, eat at different restaurants and go to different churches. A group of people felt that this forced separation was not fair and fought for 'Integration' or the right for everyone to go to the same places and do the same things whatever their race. Although there still is racism and prejudice in America today, many argue that were it not for the Civil Rights Movement and people like Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X, Barack Obama would never have been elected as the first African-American President of the United States.

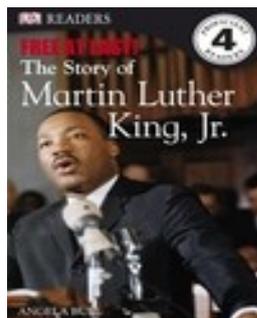
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Suggested books for further reading...

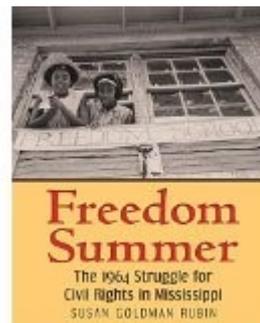
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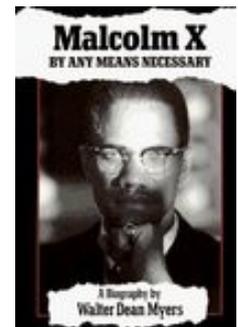
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Historical background...

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[Little Rock Crisis 1954](#)



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www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zw88q6f

Desegregation in Birmingham

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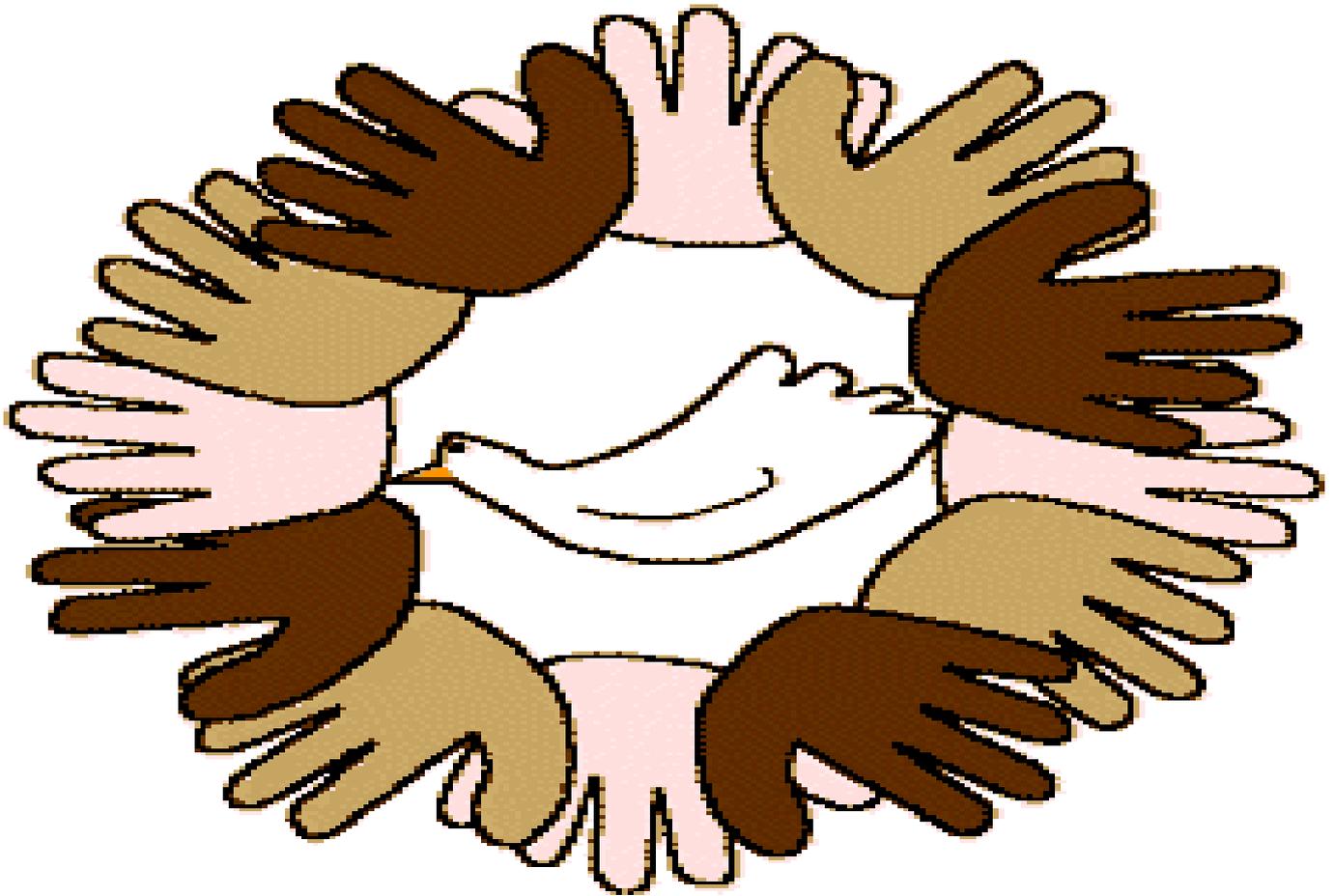
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Montgomery Bus Boycott

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Making a Unity Wreath



Craft materials required...

- Red, yellow, white and brown tempura paint
- Paper
- Scissors
- Glue or a glue stick

Directions...

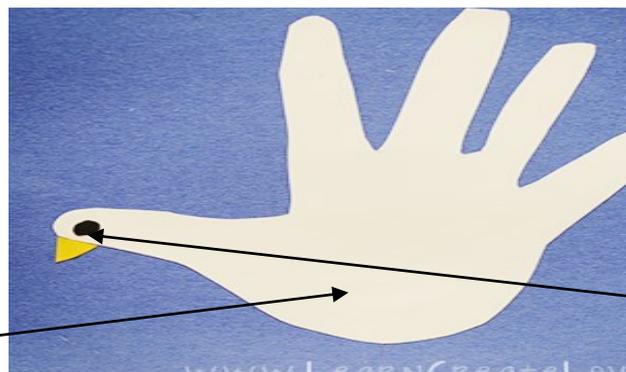
1. First, mix the paint together to represent different colours of skin: We suggest the following combinations:

- Red + orange + white
- Red + white
- Brown + white
- Orange + brown



2. Next, dip your hand into one of the colours you have just mixed and stamp it onto a piece of paper. Do this about 9-12 times, so that you have a bunch of hands in a bunch of different colours.

3. While the paint hand prints are drying make the dove for the centre of your wreath by tracing your hand onto a piece of white paper.



4. Then, draw on the details of the dove (the orange beak, and eyes) with crayons or markers

5. Once your hand prints are dry, cut them out and glue them together in a circle



6. Last, glue to dove to the front of the wreath. The dove is the symbol of peace, just as your wreath is a symbol of unity between races

What have you discovered about the American Civil Rights Movement?

Answers to these questions can be found by reading any of the suggested books or by watching the recommended film clips.

YOUR NAME _____

1) What happened in Little Rock Arkansas in 1954?

2) What was the dream that Martin Luther King, Jr had for the United States?

3) What did Malcolm X believe and how was it different from the dreams of Martin Luther King, Jr?

4) Why is Rosa Parks thought of as the Mother of the Civil Rights Movement?

5) Describe a time when you felt you or someone close to you were being treated unfairly and what you did to help make things better.

Well Done !! Once you have completed this sheet, and made your Unity Wreath, take them in to your local library to receive your Children's University credit !