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Why Do I Care?

In *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, Maya Angelou wrote about the prejudice she experienced as a child decades ago. But that doesn't mean you can't find similarities between the world today and Angelou's world as a child. Have you ever witnessed people treating others unfairly because of race? What might you do to stop this?



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Take a Stand

This book states that Hattie McDaniel won an Academy Award. But at the awards ceremony, she had to sit away from her white costars because of segregation. Do you think this was unfair? Why? Write a short essay explaining your opinion. Make sure to give reasons for your opinion. Give facts and details that support those reasons.



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Another View

This book has information about the Harlem Renaissance. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about this movement. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?



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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about African-American culture today? Write down one or two questions that can guide you in doing some research. With an adult's help, find a few sources online or at the library that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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