

Say What?

Studying civil rights events can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in this book you've never heard before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.





Take a Stand

Martin Luther King Jr. became a leader of the civil rights movement knowing that it may put himself, his wife, and his child in danger. Do you think he should have stayed out of leadership to ensure his family's safety? Or do you think he was right to defend the rights of black people across the United States? Why?





Why Do I Care?

Maybe you have not experienced racism yourself. But that doesn't mean you can't think about how to help stop others from being treated badly. Do you have friends or family who have been treated poorly because of the color of their skin, their culture, or their beliefs? How can lessons from the civil rights movement show you how to handle these situations today?





Another View

This book talks about groups such as the KKK and the White Citizens Council who were in favor of keeping black people segregated. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about people who were opposed to desegregation. 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?





You Are There

This book discusses the Black Lives Matter movement. Imagine you are taking part in a march through city streets to promote the movement. Write a letter to your friend to explain what the movement means to you and why it matters. What do you tell others to win them to your cause? Be sure to add plenty of detail to your notes.

