

★ Reteaching Activity 25

The Civil Rights Movement, 1954–1968

The civil rights movement tried different strategies to achieve racial equality and integration. Initially, most African Americans followed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s path of nonviolent protests, staging sit-ins, peaceful protest marches, and boycotts, as well as mounting legal challenges to unjust practices. Others grew impatient and lashed out in citywide rioting. Some leaders advocated black power and segregation from white society.

DIRECTIONS: Read each statement below. Select from the list the group or individual who could have spoken each statement and write the letters in the appropriate blanks.

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| A. Rosa Parks | E. Robert F. Kennedy | I. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. |
| B. Orval Faubus | F. Freedom Riders | J. Black Panthers |
| C. Otto Kerner | G. Thurgood Marshall | K. NAACP |
| D. Malcolm Little | H. Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee | L. Southern Christian Leadership Conference |

- _____ 1. "We boarded southbound interstate buses in defiance of segregation laws."
- _____ 2. "I successfully argued *Brown v. Board of Education* in order to challenge school segregation before becoming the first African American Supreme Court justice."
- _____ 3. "I led a commission investigating civil disorder. We concluded that the nation was moving toward two separate societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal."
- _____ 4. "Blacks, rise up and arm yourselves! Black power will defeat our white oppressors!"
- _____ 5. "I took aggressive legal action in order to actively support the civil rights movement."
- _____ 6. "We staged sit-ins in restaurants, intending to desegregate all public facilities."
- _____ 7. "Who could have guessed that my refusal to give up my bus seat would help launch the civil rights movement?"
- _____ 8. "I defied school desegregation by ordering the Arkansas National Guard to keep nine African American students from entering Central High."
- _____ 9. "Our goals were simple: desegregate America and register African American voters."
- _____ 10. "After leaving prison, I joined the Black Muslims and changed my last name to 'X' in honor of my slave ancestors."
- _____ 11. "Since 1909 we have supported court cases intended to overturn segregation."
- _____ 12. "I penned the 'Letter from a Birmingham Jail' in defense of nonviolent protest."
- 13. Critical Thinking** Which strategy do you think proved more effective over the long term: the nonviolent protests advocated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or the militant call to assert black power by any means preached by the Black Panthers? Why?