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History Civil Rights

Super Curriculum

Welcome to the History Y319 Civil Rights Super Curriculum!

Below, you'll discover a variety of activities designed to challenge and extend your learning beyond the classroom curriculum.

Read



1. **'The Warmth of Other Suns' by Isabel Wilkerson** - Epic account of the Great Migration of African Americans from South to North
2. **'Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee' by Dee Brown** - Classic narrative history of Native American dispossession 1860-1890
3. **'The Feminine Mystique' by Betty Friedan** - The book that sparked second-wave feminism, essential primary source
4. **'There Is Power in a Union' by Philip Dray** - Comprehensive history of American labour movement
5. **'The Souls of Black Folk' by W.E.B. Du Bois** - Essential primary source on African American experience and the "Talented Tenth"
6. **'A People's History of the United States' by Howard Zinn** - Alternative narrative emphasising ordinary people's struggles
7. **'Lakota Woman' by Mary Crow Dog** - Autobiography of Native American activist at Wounded Knee II (1973)
8. **'At the Dark End of the Street' by Danielle McGuire** - African American women's resistance to sexual violence and civil rights activism
9. **'Triangle: The Fire That Changed America' by David von Drehle** - The 1911 factory fire that transformed labour law
10. **'The Civil Rights Movement: A Photographic History'** - Visual primary sources showing all four civil rights struggles

Watch



1. **Eyes on the Prize (PBS documentary series)** - Definitive multi-part documentary on the African American Civil Rights Movement, essential viewing
2. **13th (Netflix)** - Ava DuVernay's documentary tracing African American oppression from slavery through mass incarceration
3. **Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee (HBO)** - Drama-documentary on Native American resistance and the Dawes Act period
4. **The Dollmaker (1984)** - Drama about women workers migrating from Appalachia to Detroit during WWII
5. **Norma Rae (1979)** - Film about female textile worker unionisation in the South, brilliant for labour history
6. **Harlan County USA (1976)** - Documentary about Kentucky coal miners' strike, excellent for understanding union struggles
7. **RBG (2018)** - Documentary about Ruth Bader Ginsburg and legal battles for women's equality
8. **500 Nations (CBS series)** - Kevin Costner-produced documentary on Native American history and resistance
9. **The Murder of Fred Hampton (1971)** - Documentary about Black Panther leader, useful for Black Power movement
10. **She's Beautiful When She's Angry (2014)** - Documentary on 1960s-70s Women's Liberation Movement with primary source footage

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1. **Uncivil (podcast)** - Explores untold stories from the Civil War and Reconstruction era, excellent for context
2. **Throughline (NPR)** - Episodes on women's suffrage, Native American boarding schools, and civil rights history
3. **Code Switch (NPR)** - Discussions of race in America with historical context on African American civil rights
4. **This Land (podcast)** - Investigates Native American sovereignty and treaty rights with historical background
5. **Slow Burn Season 1** - Explores Watergate with context on 1970s women's and Native American movements
6. **BackStory (Virginia Foundation for the Humanities)** - American history podcast with episodes on all specification topics
7. **Dolly Parton's America** - Episode on 9 to 5 explores women workers and union organisation brilliantly
8. **Seeing White (Scene on Radio)** - 14-part series on history of white supremacy in America
9. **The History of American Slavery (Slate)** - Provides essential context for understanding post-1865 African American struggle
10. **Revisionist History by Malcolm Gladwell** - Episodes like "Miss Buchanan's Period of Adjustment" on women's rights history

Do

1. **Source analysis project** - Compare speeches by Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois to understand historiographical debates
2. **Virtual tour of National Civil Rights Museum** - Memphis museum with extensive online resources and primary sources
3. **Create a timeline comparing all four groups** - Visual representation showing simultaneous struggles and different trajectories
4. **Watch and analyse a State of the Union address** - Compare rhetoric on civil rights across different presidencies (available online)
5. **Explore the Library of Congress digital collections** - Primary sources on labour strikes, suffrage, photographs of Native American schools
6. **Read Supreme Court cases** - Brown v. Board, Plessy v. Ferguson, Roe v. Wade available online with analysis
7. **Compare historical newspapers** - Use online archives to see how the same event was reported in different regions
8. **Attend a university history lecture** - Many US history departments offer public lectures or recorded online lectures
9. **Create historiography comparison tables** - Track how different historians interpret the same event (e.g., impact of New Deal)
10. **Visit relevant museums** - Museum of London Docklands has excellent material on trade unions; British Library American collections