

CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

1954 *Brown v Board of Education* - A Supreme Court ruling that declared that laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students unconstitutional.

Aug. 1955 Emmett Till

Dec. 1955 Rosa Parks

1955-1956 Montgomery Bus Boycott

1957 Little Rock 9: Little Rock Central High

Feb. 1960 Greensboro Sit-Ins

Nov. 1960 Ruby Bridges attends a new elementary school

1960 Civil Rights Act

1961 Freedom Rides

Jan. 1963 George Wallace, Alabama's governor gave an inauguration speech:
Segregation now! Segregation tomorrow! Segregation forever!

April 1963 Letter from a Birmingham Jail

April 3 - May 10 1963 Birmingham campaign Children's Crusade (Birmingham)

Aug. 1963 March on Washington

Sept. 1963 Birmingham Bombing

Nov. 22, 1963 JFK killed

1964 Martin Luther King, Jr. given the Nobel Prize

1965 Selma

1965 Voting Rights Act

April 4, 1968 Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated

1968 Civil Rights Act



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Emmett Till - An African-American boy from Chicago who was murdered in Mississippi for reportedly flirting with a white woman.



Rosa Parks - She refused to obey a bus driver's orders to give up her seat in the colored section of the bus to a white passenger. She was arrested. Her act of defiance sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott.



Montgomery Bus Boycott - Black citizens of Montgomery boycotted the public bus system, refusing to ride the city buses to protest against racial segregation for more than a year.

Little Rock Nine: A group of African-American students who were enrolled in Little Rock Central High School. Students were initially prevented from entering the school by Arkansas's Governor, Orval Faubus. President Eisenhower sent federal troops to force integration and to protect the nine students. The students were subject to a year of verbal and physical abuse.



Greensboro Sit-ins: Four students sat down at the lunch counter at the Woolworth store in Greensboro, North Carolina. They were refused service at the "white only" counter and were asked to leave. The four stayed until closing. The next day twenty more black students joined the protest and by the fourth day more than 300 people participated. The movement then spread to other stores in other cities.



Ruby Bridges: The first black child to attend an all-white elementary school in New Orleans in 1960.



Birmingham campaign: A movement to protest the segregation in public facilities, restaurants, parks, and stores. Protests began with a boycott and started a series of sit-ins and marches intended to spark mass arrest.



Children's Crusade, Birmingham: When the Birmingham campaign began to run low on adult volunteers, James Bevel (SCLC Coordinator) trained college, high school and elementary students to participate in demonstrations. Jails and holding cells filled with arrested children. The Birmingham Police Commissioner, Bull Connor used police dogs and high pressure water jets on the protestors and bystanders. Media attention drew the world's attention to racial segregation.

1963 March on Washington: A large political rally for human rights that called for civil and economic rights for African Americans. It is estimated that 200-300,000 people attended. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech.



1965 Selma, Alabama: There were marches and protests in 1965 that grew out of the voting rights movement. Three attempts were made to march from Selma to Montgomery. One of those marches, on March 7, 1965 became known as Bloody Sunday when 600 marchers were attacked by state and local police with billy clubs and tear gas:



Civil Rights Act of 1960, 1964 and 1968: The 1960 law established federal inspection of voter registration polls. The 1964 Act outlawed major forms of discrimination, ended unequal and unfair voter registration practices and ended racial segregation. The 1968 Act provided for equal housing opportunities regardless of race, creed or national origin.



Voting Rights Act: Federal legislation signed by President Lyndon Johnson that prohibits discrimination in voting. It established federal oversight over elections.

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Explain what happened and why these events were significant during the Civil Rights Movement?

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The Problem We All Live With

This is a famous painting by Norman Rockwell, showing Ruby Bridges on her way to school. It was published in 1964. Just a few years ago, in 2011 President Barack Obama had this painting installed in the White House in a hallway outside the Oval Office.



Imagine you were Ruby Bridges. Write about going to school at William Frantz Elementary School:

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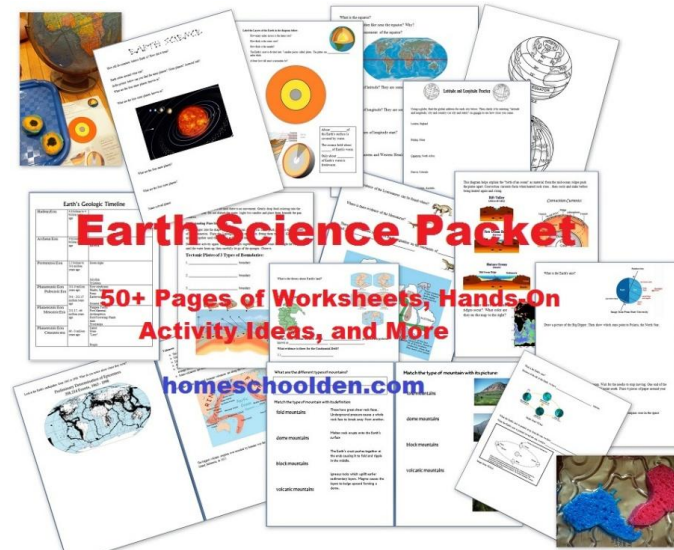
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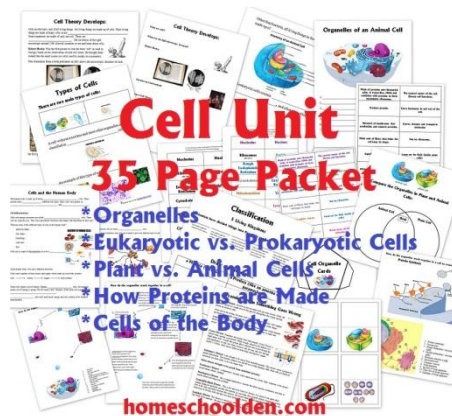


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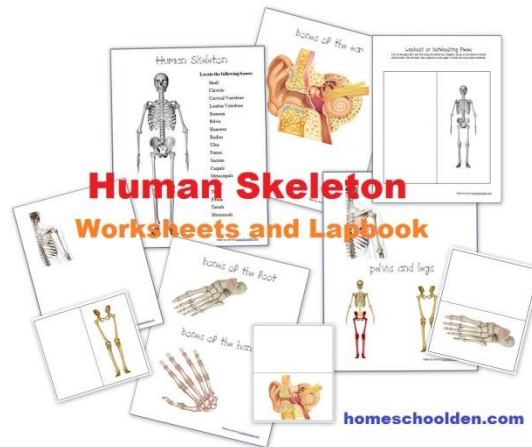


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