

Social Studies / History Quiz: Standing Up for Fairness

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the American Civil Rights Movement and the importance of equality and justice in history.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a historical journey! Read the facts carefully and test your knowledge about the brave people who campaigned for equal rights.

Answer Key: 1. A (Rosa Parks), 2. True, 3. C (Dr Martin Luther King Jr), 4. False (It was about bus services), 5. Alabama, 6. Equality, 7. True, 8. B (Peaceful protest), 9. Discrimination, 10. True. Ellie's Note: The Civil Rights Movement changed laws to ensure that everyone, regardless of their skin colour, was treated with the same respect and fairness under the law.

Word bank: Segregation · Equality · Boycott · Protest · Justice · Courage · Integration

1. 1. Who was the brave woman who refused to give up her bus seat in 1955? A) Rosa Parks*, B) Harriet Tubman, C) Ruby Bridges, D) Maya Angelou (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Segregation meant that people were kept apart based on their race. (1 mark)

3. 3. Who gave the famous 'I Have a Dream' speech? A) Nelson Mandela, B) Abraham Lincoln, C) Dr Martin Luther King Jr*, D) Malcolm X (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: The Montgomery Bus Boycott was a protest against the price of bread. (1 mark)

5. 5. In which US state did the Montgomery Bus Boycott take place? (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the word for the state of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities? (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: Many people during the Civil Rights Movement used peaceful marches to demand change. (1 mark)

8. 8. Which method was most commonly used by Civil Rights leaders to create change? A) Fighting, B) Peaceful protest*, C) Ignoring the law, D) Moving away (1 mark)

9. 9. What is the term for the unfair treatment of people based on their race or characteristics? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: The Civil Rights Movement helped to end unfair 'Jim Crow' laws. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a poster Ellie the Elephant might carry at a march for peace and equality, including a symbol of unity.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why peaceful protesting is often more effective than using violence. 2. Compare and contrast the life of a child living under segregation versus a child living today. 3. Justify your answer: Why is it important to remember these historical events in our modern society? 4. What might happen if people in history had chosen to remain silent instead of speaking out? 5. If you were organising a community event to promote equality, what would you name it and why? 6. Research one other civil rights campaigner and write a short paragraph explaining their contribution to history.