

Ellie's Civil Rights Timeline: The Journey to Equality

Learning objective: To understand the chronology and significance of key events in the 20th-century Civil Rights Movement.

Ellie the elephant has been researching history in her giant library! She has found six important events from the Civil Rights Movement, but they have become muddled up. Sort the events into the correct chronological order by numbering them 1 to 6, then match each event to its description.

Word bank: Montgomery Bus Boycott · March on Washington · Brown v. Board of Education · Civil Rights Act · Voting Rights Act · Rosa Parks' protest

1. 1. Brown v. Board of Education (1954): The Supreme Court ruled that separating children in schools based on the color of their skin was illegal. Explain why this was such a significant moment for equality. (2 marks)

2. 2. Rosa Parks' protest (1955): Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus. How did this act of courage change the way people fought for their rights? (2 marks)

3. 3. Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955-1956): This lasted for over a year. Why do you think a boycott is an effective way to protest for change? (2 marks)

4. 4. March on Washington (1963): Over 250,000 people gathered to demand jobs and freedom. Why is it important for large groups of people to come together for a cause? (2 marks)

5. 5. Civil Rights Act (1964) and Voting Rights Act (1965): These laws were passed to end segregation and protect voting rights. Why are laws necessary for creating a fair society? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a poster that you might have seen at the March on Washington. Include a peaceful message about fairness, equality, and kindness in your design.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1963. Write a short diary entry (50-70 words) describing the atmosphere at the March on Washington. Use adjectives to describe how the crowd felt and what the music sounded like.