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Civil Rights Timeline Project

This handout is an overview of my presentation, focusing on resources used. The full powerpoint presentation, along with all links, are available on my blog, www.utesfifthgrade.com. This blog is full of other great teaching materials as well.

When setting up the civil rights timeline project, the topics I make available for my students to study are:

- Mendez v. Westminster
- Brown v. Board of Education
- The Murder of Emmett Till
- The Montgomery Bus Boycott
- The Integration of Central High School
- The Greensboro Sit-ins
- The Freedom Rides
- March on Washington
- Birmingham church bombing
- The Children's March
- Freedom Summer
- The Selma March
- The Civil Rights Acts of 1964
- The Black Panther Party
- East LA Walkouts
- UFW Delano Grape Strike & Boycott

Before teaching beginning this project with my students, I did a lot of research on my own. Here are some documentaries I learned a lot from:

- Eyes on the Prize
- Black Panthers: the Vanguard of the Revolution
- Freedom Summer
- Mighty Times: The Children's March

Newsela.com is our go-to website. Our favorite Newsela articles include:

- Biographies of Stokely Carmichael, Cesar Chavez, Medgar Evers, Josephine Baker, Bob Dylan, Rosa Parks, and more
- Primary source adaptations of the Civil Rights Act, along with other speeches and documents
- Current event connections- Black Lives Matter, anniversaries of the March on Washington and Emmett Till's murder, etc.

Students use other websites as well, but due to the mature content of some of the topics being researched, their research is very heavily monitored. Newsela is a site I feel comfortable letting them search freely.

Some of our favorite books (all purchased from Amazon) include:

- Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzalez, by Jorge-Ayn Riley
- [The Little Rock Nine: A Primary Source Exploration of the Battle for School Integration \(We Shall Overcome\)](#), by Brian Krumm
- [500 Anos Del Pueblo Chicano / 500 Years of Chicano History: In Pictures](#), by Elizabeth Martinez
- [Black Panther: The Revolutionary Art of Emory Douglas](#), by Emory Douglas
- [The March on Washington: A Primary Source Exploration of the Pivotal Protest \(We Shall Overcome\)](#), by Heather E. Schwartz
- [Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement](#), by Ann Bausum
- [Freedom Riders: A Primary Source Exploration of the Struggle for Racial Justice \(We Shall Overcome\)](#), by Heather E. Schwartz
- [Breach of Peace: Portraits of the 1961 Mississippi Freedom Riders](#), by Eric Etheridge
- [Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the Selma Voting Rights March](#), by Elspeth Leacock
- [Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet Book 1](#), by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- March series (books 1-3), by John Lewis
- Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case, by Chris Crowe
****this book includes the photograph of Emmett Till's body. It's easy to cover with a post-it note if you don't want young students seeing it.****
- Simeon's Story: An Eyewitness Account of the Kidnapping of Emmett Till, by Simeon Wright
- A Dream Of Freedom, by [Diane Mcwhorter](#)

There are a ton of other books that we use and love! Just browse Amazon and search by the title of the specific event to find more.

I have created all of the materials used for this unit. Resources available on my TeachersPayTeachers site include:

- [Civil Rights Movement powerpoint](#)
- [Interactive notebook vocab pages](#)
- [Civil Rights Movement notes \(coordinating with powerpoint\)](#)
- [Parent letter](#)
- [Research packet](#)
- [Unit exam](#)

Supplementary materials available on TPT:

- Corky Gonzalez biographical study packet
- Corky Gonzalez's "Yo Soy Joaquin" poetry assessment
- Black Panthers vs. Brown Berets DBQ

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- Our historical thinking unit
- Blog-based study of World War II
- Holocaust Unit
- Teaching elections and politics
- Talking about slavery and other difficult topics
- Integrating social studies and language arts
and more!

Thanks for checking out my presentation! Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments.

