

NOTE: Visit vimeo.com/kidcurators to watch a video story of this project. To read an ASCD Educational Leadership Article about this project visit - <http://www.ascd.org/publications/educational-leadership/feb13/vol70/num05/Museums-at-School.aspx> This was an Arts @ Large project done with students at NOVA Middle and High School in Milwaukee, WI. Their completed exhibition was on display at Gallery @ Large and opened on Milwaukee Gallery Night, April 2012.

Museum Topic: Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s

Title of Exhibition: March to Equality

Big Idea: Activists take a stand for social justice and make a difference.

Story Line | Focus Questions (Exhibit Areas):

1. **ISSUES:** School integration and fair housing rights were key issues in the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. *Focus question:* What were the key issues of the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s?
2. **LEADERS:** There were key figures in the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. *Focus Question:* Who were the key leaders in the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's?
3. **STRATEGIES:** Protest movements and artistic expression were key strategies in fighting for equal rights. *Focus Question:* What were the key protest strategies in the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's?
4. **CONNECTIONS:** What does the past mean to me? *Focus Question:* What connections do you make today to the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's?

Focus Questions | Research Questions

Focus Question #1—ISSUES: What were the key issues of the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s?

<i>Research Questions</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What did segregated Milwaukee look like in the 1960s? Today? ▪ Where did most African-Americans live in the 1960s in Milwaukee? ▪ What did urban renewal have to do with housing availability? ▪ What were the housing practices of the time? ▪ What was the watershed event that led to fair housing becoming a key issue of the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement?

Focus Question #2—LEADERS: Who were the key leaders in the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's?

<i>Research Questions</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What was the NAACP Youth Council? What strategies did they use during the movement? What were the outcomes of their efforts? ▪ Who were the guiding forces of the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who is Father Groppi? What was his involvement in the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s? What was his impact on the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s? How was he a guiding force for the Youth Council? - Who is Vel Phillips? What was her involvement in the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s? What was her impact on the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s? How was she a guiding force for the Youth Council? ▪ What were the perspectives / experiences of some of the members of the NAACP Youth Council? (McKinney, Rozga, Butler-Derge): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What was ___ involvement in the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s? - What is one story that best highlights a successful strategy s/he experienced in the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s? - How did this strategy target the key issue and why was it a successful strategy? - What was the outcome of this story? - Are there any artifacts that can help us tell this story?

Focus Question #3—STRATEGIES: What were the key protest strategies in the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's?

<i>Research Questions</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why did protestors choose the 16th Street Bridge? ▪ Why were marches used as strategy in the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement? ▪ What were some of the personal experiences of people participating in the marches? ▪ What was the climate of the marches? ▪ How did the city respond to the marches?

Focus Question #4—CONNECTIONS: What connections do you make today to the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's?

<i>Research Questions</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are some of the current social issues in Milwaukee today? ▪ What strategies can we learn from the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s to tackle current social issues in Milwaukee today? ▪ How can we promote peace and social action? ▪ What is your call to action?

Some Sources of Information:

The March on Milwaukee Civil Rights History Project website - <http://www4.uwm.edu/libraries/digilib/march/>

The Selma of the North: Civil Rights Insurgency in Milwaukee, by Patrick D. Jones

200 Nights and One Day, by Margaret Rozga

Interviews with: Jasmine Alinder, Shirley Butler-Derge, Margaret Rozga, Prentice McKinney, Jay Larkey, Vel Phillips