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We Shall Overcome 45 min

Objective:

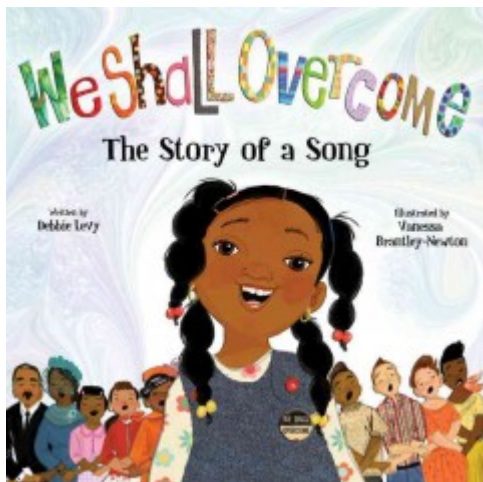
Help students understand the concept of civil rights

Big Idea:

Music can change the world

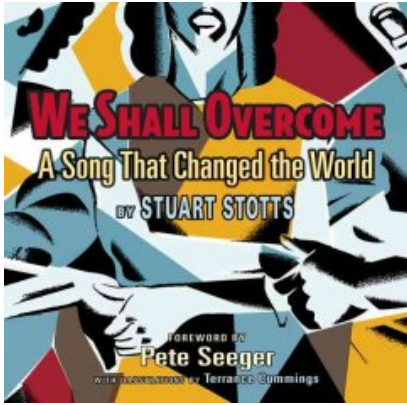
1. Warm Up / Anticipatory 20 min

Share - [We Shall Overcome](#) The Story of A Song by Debbie levy with illustrations by Vanessa Brantley-Newton



For older students:

Review: <https://www.wonderopolis.org/wonder/what-is-a-civil-right>



Resources:

<https://stuartstotts.com/we-shall-overcome/>

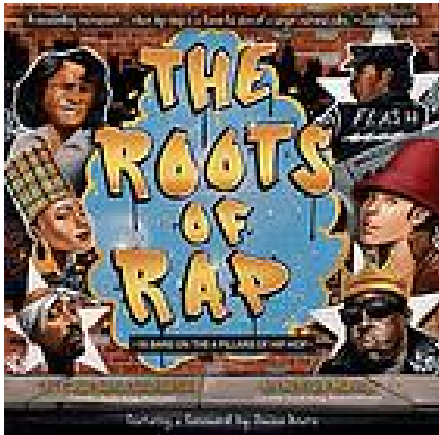
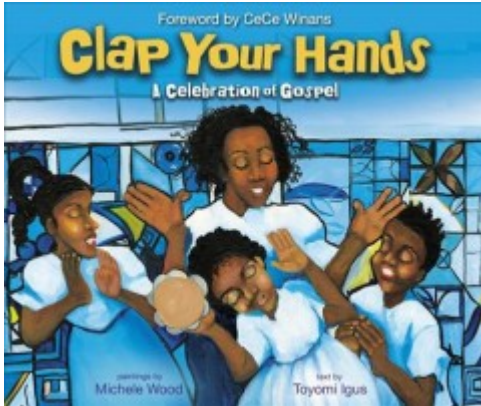
Also recommended:

[This Promise of Change](#) - also by Debby Levy and Jo Ann Allen Boyce

[Child of the Dream](#) by Sharon Robinson

[Clap Your Hands](#) by Toyomi Igus - illustrated by Michele Woods

[The Roots of Rap](#) by Carole Boston Weatherford -illustrated by Frank Morrison



2. Investigation and New Learning 15 min

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame features songs that have inspired activism <https://edu.rockhall.com/> Teachers have free access to music and lesson plans.

Play: [Glory](#) by John Legend with Common.



Compare with the lyrics of [We Shall Overcome](#) Musical and lyrical adaption by Zilphia Horton, Frank Hamilton, Guy Carawan and Pete Seeger - inspired by African American traditional call and response.

Do you take a stand on current issues?

READ [Are Kid Crusaders Fair Game for Critics?](#)

By LEANNE ITALIE Associated Press

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3. Review & Check for Understanding 30 min

What music affects your mood? Does it inspire change?

Review :

<https://www.wonderopolis.org/wonder/what-does-it-mean-to-stand-for-something>

- CAUSE
- DEMONSTRATION
- RACIAL
- SEGREGATION
- BOYCOTT
- SYMBOL
- MOVEMENT
- WHOLEHEARTED
- APPLAUDING
- OVATION
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