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+ CIVIL RIGHTS ENTHUSIASTS OF ALL AGES



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## Civil Rights Timeline

People have taken a stand for civil and human rights since the beginning of time. Here, we honor the courage and commitment displayed by countless individuals — some who lost their lives — in the struggle for equal rights during a time known as “the modern American Civil Rights Movement.”

### 1954

**May 17, 1954**  
Supreme Court outlaws school segregation in *Brown v. Board of Education*

### 1955

**May 7, 1955**  
THE REV. GEORGE LEE  
Killed for leading voter-registration drive *Belzoni, Mississippi*

**August 13, 1955**  
LAMAR SMITH  
Murdered for organizing black voters *Brookhaven, Mississippi*

**August 28, 1955**  
EMMETT LOUIS TILL  
Murdered for speaking to a white woman *Money, Mississippi*

**October 22, 1955**  
JOHN EARL REESE  
Slain by nightriders opposed to school improvements *Mayflower, Texas*

**December 1, 1955**  
Rosa Parks arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man *Montgomery, Alabama*

**December 5, 1955**  
Montgomery bus boycott begins

### 1956

**November 13, 1956**  
Supreme court bans segregated seating on Montgomery buses

### 1957

**January 23, 1957**  
WILLIE EDWARDS JR.  
Killed by Klansmen *Montgomery, Alabama*

**August 29, 1957**  
Congress passes first civil rights act since reconstruction

**September 24, 1957**  
President Eisenhower orders federal troops to enforce school desegregation in Little Rock, Arkansas

### 1959

**April 25, 1959**  
MACK CHARLES PARKER  
Taken from jail and lynched *Poplarville, Mississippi*

### 1960

**February 1, 1960**  
Black students stage sit-in at “whites only” lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina

**December 5, 1960**  
Supreme court outlaws segregation in bus terminals

### 1961

**May 14, 1961**  
Freedom Riders attacked in Alabama while testing compliance with bus desegregation laws

**September 25, 1961**  
HERBERT LEE  
Voter registration worker killed by white legislator *Liberty, Mississippi*

### 1962

**April 1, 1962**  
Civil rights groups join forces to launch voter registration drive

**April 9, 1962**  
CPL. ROMAN DUCKSWORTH JR.  
Taken from bus and killed by police *Taylorville, Mississippi*

**September 30, 1962**  
Riots erupt when James Meredith, a black student, enrolls at Ole Miss

**September 30, 1962**  
PAUL GUIHARD  
French reporter killed during Ole Miss riot *Oxford, Mississippi*

### 1963

**April 23, 1963**  
WILLIAM LEWIS MOORE  
Slain during one-man march against segregation *Attalla, Alabama*

**May 3, 1963**  
Birmingham police attack marching children with dogs and fire hoses

**June 11, 1963**  
Alabama Governor George Wallace stands in schoolhouse door to stop university integration

**June 12, 1963**  
MEDGAR EVERS  
Civil rights leader assassinated *Jackson, Mississippi*

**August 28, 1963**  
250,000 Americans march on Washington for civil rights

**September 15, 1963**  
ADDIE MAE COLLINS, DENISE MCNAIR, CAROLE ROBERTSON, CYNTHIA WESLEY  
Schoolgirls killed in bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church *Birmingham, Alabama*

**September 15, 1963**  
VIRGIL LAMAR WARE  
Youth killed during wave of racist violence *Birmingham, Alabama*

### 1964

**January 23, 1964**  
Poll tax outlawed in federal elections

**January 31, 1964**  
LOUIS ALLEN  
Witness to murder of civil rights worker assassinated *Liberty, Mississippi*

**April 7, 1964**  
THE REV. BRUCE KLUNDER  
Killed protesting construction of segregated school *Cleveland, Ohio*

**May 2, 1964**  
HENRY HEZEKIAH DEE & CHARLES EDDIE MOORE  
Killed by Klansmen *Meadville, Mississippi*

**June 20, 1964**  
Freedom Summer brings 1,000 young civil rights volunteers to Mississippi

**June 21, 1964**  
JAMES CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN, MICHAEL SCHWERNER  
Civil rights workers abducted and slain by Klansmen *Philadelphia, Mississippi*

**July 2, 1964**  
President Johnson signs Civil Rights Act of 1964

**July 11, 1964**  
LT. COL. LEMUEL PENN  
Killed by Klansmen while driving north *Colbert, Georgia*

### 1965

**February 26, 1965**  
JIMMIE LEE JACKSON  
Civil rights marcher killed by state trooper *Marion, Alabama*

**March 7, 1965**  
State troopers beat back marchers at Edmund Pettus Bridge *Selma, Alabama*

**March 11, 1965**  
THE REV. JAMES REEB  
March volunteer beaten to death *Selma, Alabama*

**March 25, 1965**  
Thousands complete the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March

**March 25, 1965**  
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO  
Killed by Klansmen while transporting marchers *Selma Highway, Alabama*

**June 2, 1965**  
ONEAL MOORE  
Black deputy killed by nightriders *Varnado, Louisiana*

**July 9, 1965**  
Congress passes Voting Rights Act of 1965

**July 18, 1965**  
WILLIE BREWSTER  
Killed by nightriders *Anniston, Alabama*

**August 20, 1965**  
JONATHAN DANIELS  
Seminary student killed by deputy *Hayneville, Alabama*

### 1966

**January 3, 1966**  
SAMUEL YOUNGE JR.  
Student civil rights activist killed in dispute *Tuskegee, Alabama*

**January 10, 1966**  
VERNON DAHMER  
Black community leader killed in Klan bombing *Hattiesburg, Mississippi*

**June 10, 1966**  
BEN CHESTER WHITE  
Killed by Klansmen *Natchez, Mississippi*

**July 30, 1966**  
CLARENCE TRIGGS  
Slain by nightriders *Bogalusa, Louisiana*

### 1967

**February 27, 1967**  
WHARLEST JACKSON  
Civil rights leader killed after promotion to ‘white’ job *Natchez, Mississippi*

**May 12, 1967**  
BENJAMIN BROWN  
Civil rights worker killed when police fired on protesters *Jackson, Mississippi*

**October 2, 1967**  
Thurgood Marshall sworn in as first black Supreme Court justice

### 1968

**February 8, 1968**  
SAMUEL HAMMOND JR., DELANO MIDDLETON, HENRY SMITH  
Students killed when highway patrolmen fire on protesters *Orangeburg, South Carolina*

**April 4, 1968**  
THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
Assassinated *Memphis, Tennessee*



The great triumphs of the Civil Rights Movement during the 1950's and '60's continue to inspire those who seek justice and equality today.

## Civil Rights Memorial Center

In Montgomery, Alabama, in 1989, the Southern Poverty Law Center built a memorial to educate young people about the Civil Rights Movement.

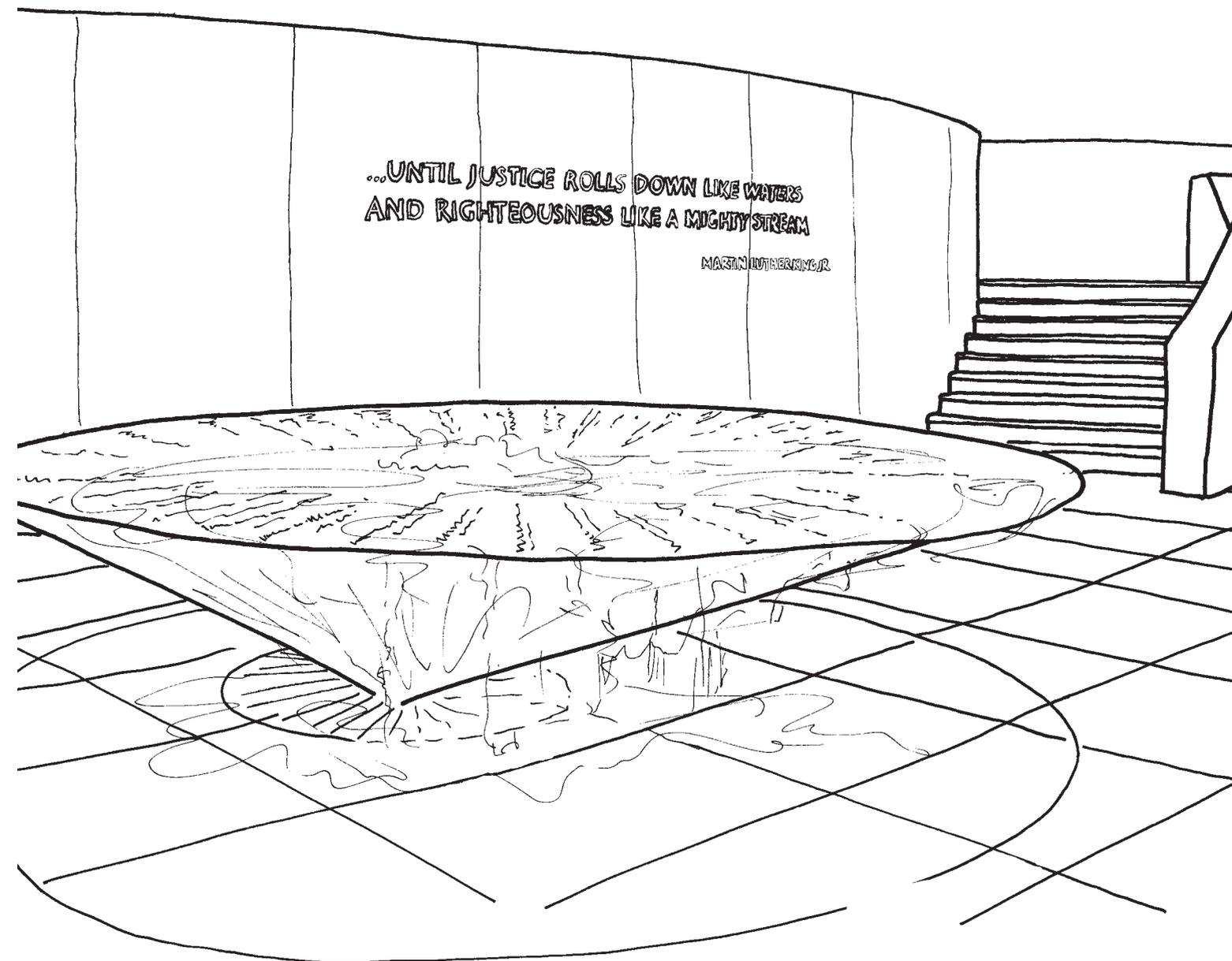


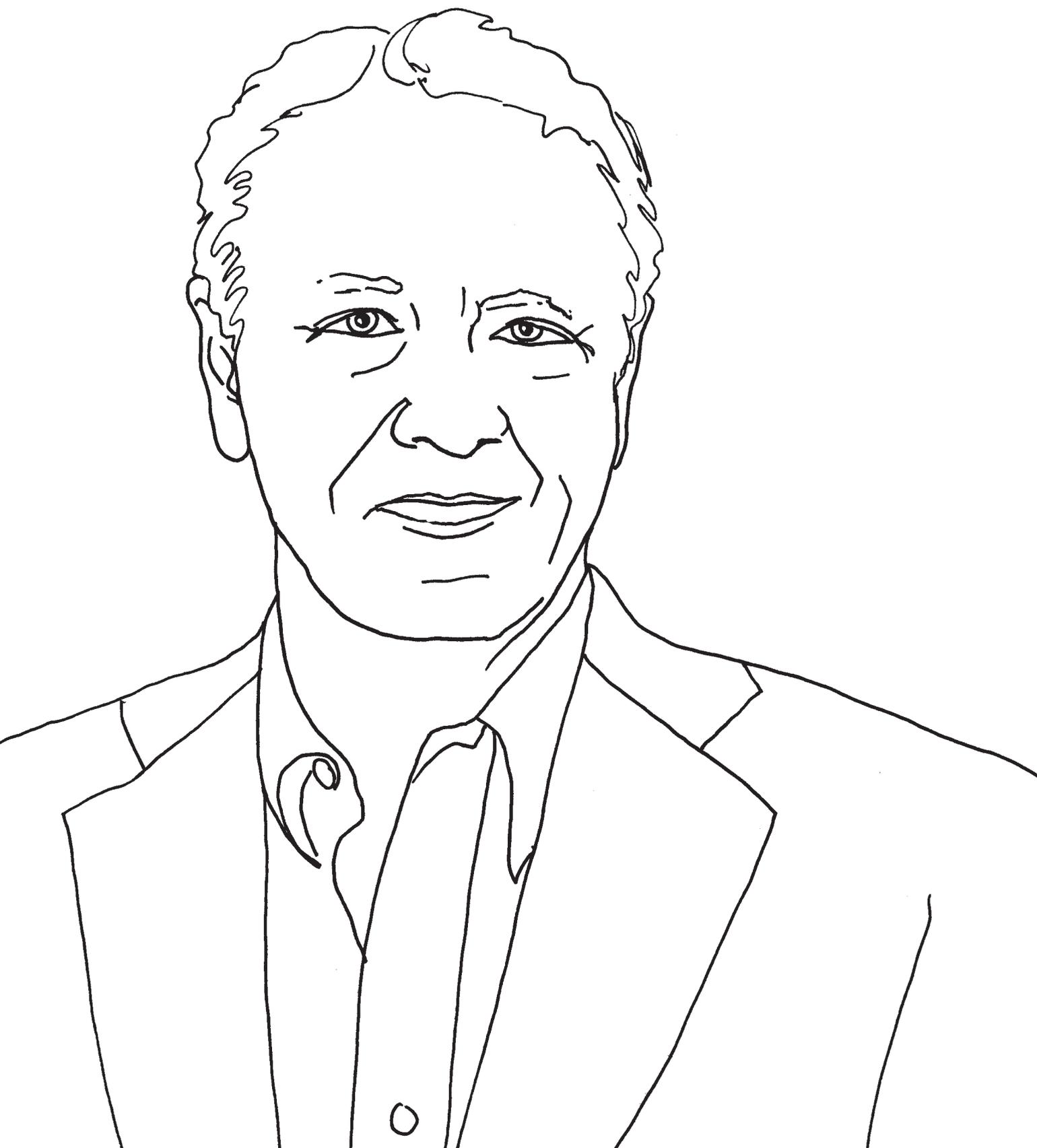
Memorial designer Maya Lin, who also designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., says it is “a place to remember the Civil Rights Movement, to honor those killed during the struggle, to appreciate how far the country has come in its quest for equality, and to consider how far it has to go.”



A visitor studies the Civil Rights Memorial. What would you expect to see if you visited the Memorial? Include a drawing of yourself, a friend, or a family member on the coloring page.

**COLORING PAGE!**





## A Lawyer Seeking Justice

Morris Dees grew up on a cotton farm in Alabama. He picked cotton alongside the black men who worked on the farm. Even when he was little, he did not believe that black people and white people should be treated differently. He was very fair even then.



When he was still in college, he started a business delivering birthday cakes to his classmates who couldn't be with their families.

After he became a lawyer, Morris fought in the courts for black people and white people and people of all races to be treated the same — even when no other lawyers would. He won lawsuits that allowed black people to join the state police force, swim in YMCA swimming pools, and get elected into the state legislature.

Morris Dees looked around the country and saw that there were many people who needed his help. Morris wanted to help those people, too, so he and Montgomery attorney Joe Levin created the Southern Poverty Law Center. Today, Morris Dees and the Southern Poverty Law Center help hundreds of thousands of people all over the country to be treated fairly.

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Morris Dees wants all people to be treated fairly.  
Who should Morris be helping today?

### When Did It Happen?

Draw a line from the event that took place during the Civil Rights Movement to the year it happened.

March on Washington



Thurgood Marshall joins the Supreme Court



President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act



Lunch Counter Sit-In



Montgomery Bus Boycott



Congress passes the Voting Rights Act



1965

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1955

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### Where Did It Happen?

Draw the symbol next to the place where it happened.



 Thurgood Marshall joins the Supreme Court

 Montgomery Bus Boycott

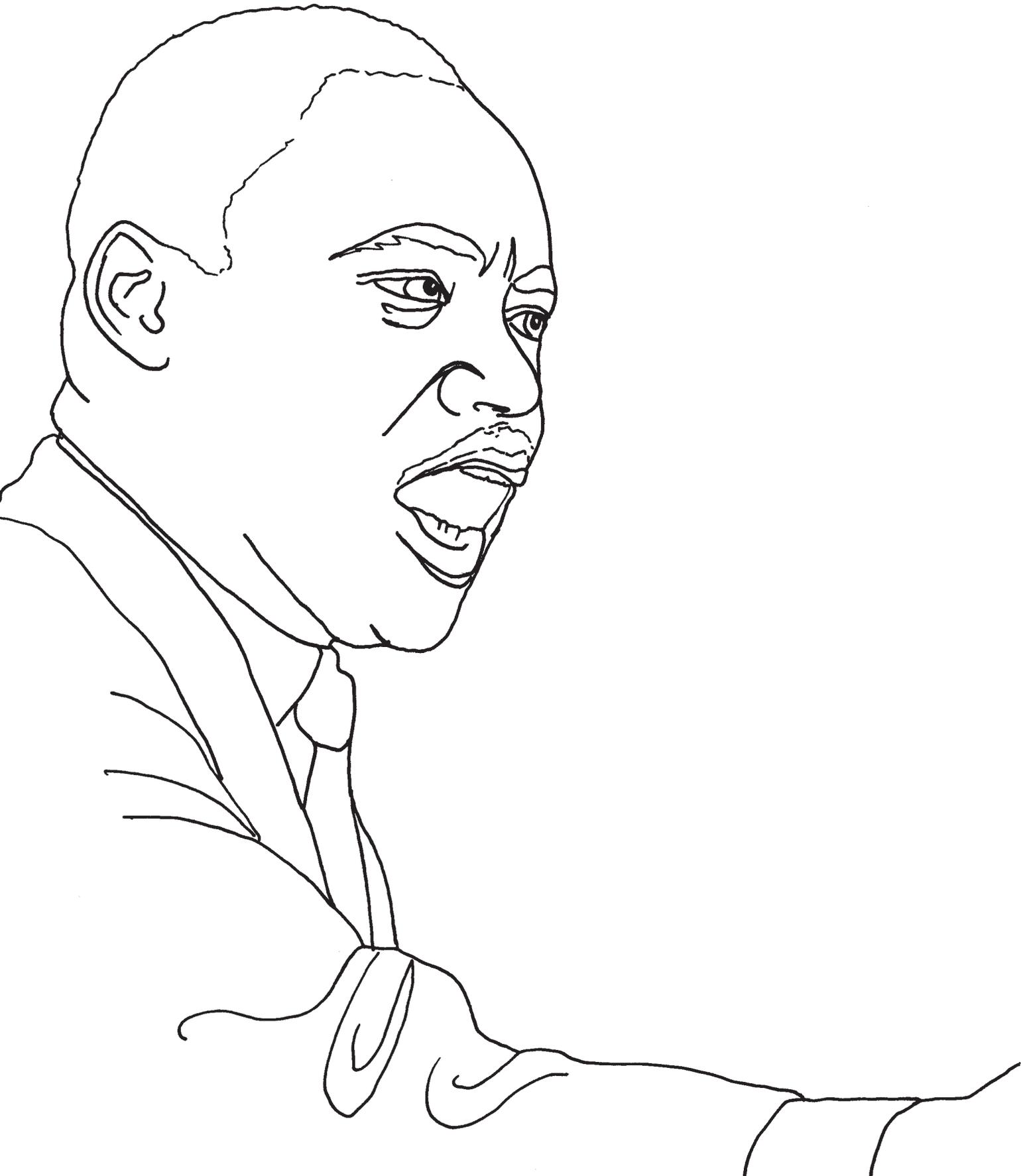
 Beginning of the Voting Rights March

 March on Washington

 President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act

 Lunch Counter Sit-In





**Powerful Words**

The Civil Rights Memorial includes a curved black granite wall that is engraved with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s well-known paraphrase of Amos 5:24. Unscramble the letters below to reveal the quote.

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d a n n o s h t e u r s e i s g  
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What will the world look like when these powerful words reflect reality?

**Overheard**

Find the words or expressions often used during the Civil Rights Movement.

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|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Boycott       | Voting rights | Segregation |
| Protest       | Equality      | Integration |
| Demonstration | Equal rights  | Jim Crow    |
| Non-violence  | Struggle      | Sit-in      |
| Freedom       | Respect       | Justice     |

F S A D E Q I T B R E G U A M  
 P I B S W U Y E L G G U R T S  
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**Who Am I?**

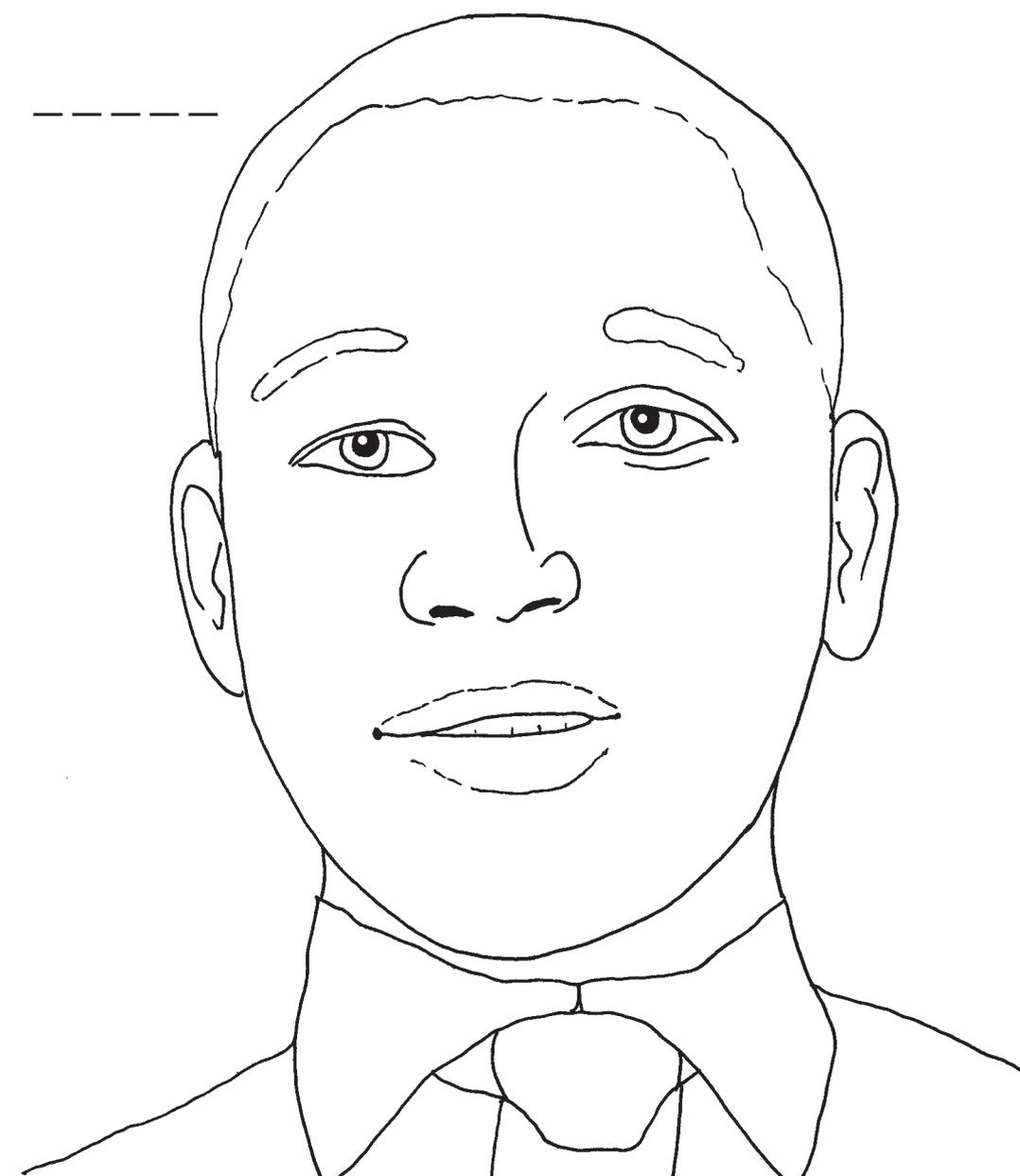
I grew up in Chicago.

In the summer of 1955, I took a bus to Money, Mississippi, to visit my cousins.

I was 14 years old.

My name is

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What do you think he most enjoyed about visiting his cousins in Mississippi during the summer?

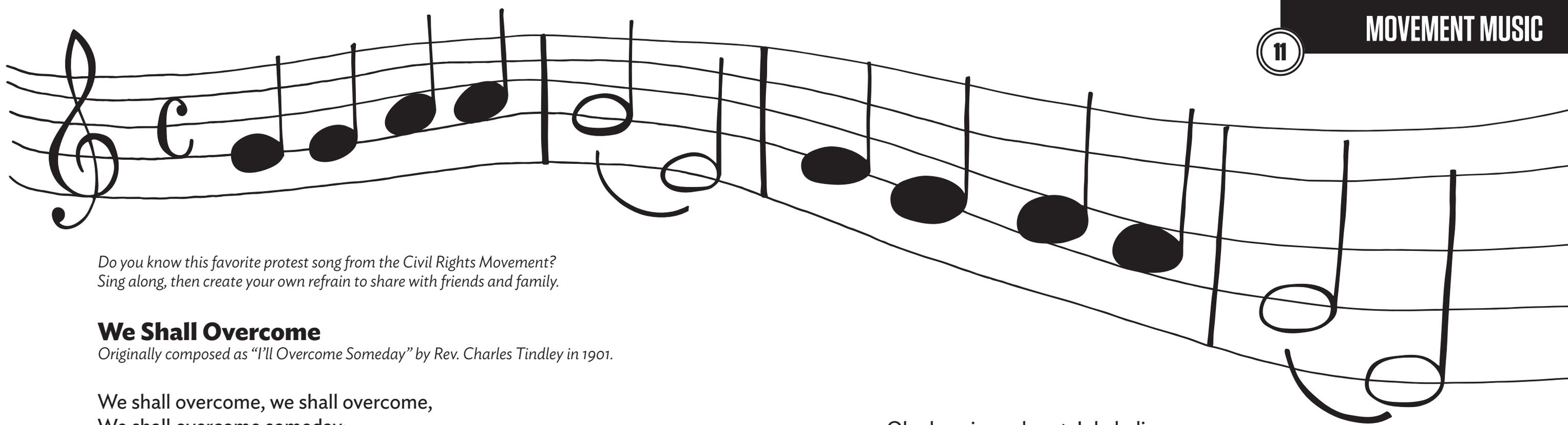
### Civil Rights Martyrs

The names of 40 individuals who lost their lives during the Civil Rights Movement are etched into the Civil Rights Memorial. Take several minutes to read about these individuals in the Timeline on pages 4-5. Study their faces on this page.



	What the Martyrs Have in Common	How the Martyrs Differ from One Another	
1	<i>They were all killed because some people opposed equal rights for black people.</i>	<i>Some were older; some were just children.</i>	1
2			2
3			3
4			4
5			5

**THINK ABOUT IT!** Next, fill out the chart ▶



*Do you know this favorite protest song from the Civil Rights Movement? Sing along, then create your own refrain to share with friends and family.*

## **We Shall Overcome**

*Originally composed as "I'll Overcome Someday" by Rev. Charles Tindley in 1901.*

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
We shall overcome someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.

The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through,  
The Lord will see us through someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.

We're on to victory, we're on to victory,  
We're on to victory someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We're on to victory someday.

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,  
We'll walk hand in hand someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We'll walk hand in hand someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,  
We are not afraid today;

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We are not afraid today.

The truth shall set us free, the truth shall set us free,  
The truth shall set us free someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
The truth shall set us free someday.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,  
We shall live in peace someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall live in peace someday.

My verse:

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## Who Said That?

Sometimes someone says something so amazing that it just has to be repeated.

The Civil Rights Memorial's beautiful black granite wall includes a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This line from the Book of Amos was quoted by Dr. King during his "I Have a Dream" speech. It reflects his belief that we must keep working to ensure equal rights for everyone.

**"Until justice rolls down like waters and  
righteousness like a mighty stream"**

Think about what you might say to express a similar sentiment.

The best quotes are short and to the point. Create your own memorable quote to be placed on the Civil Rights Memorial wall on the next page.

This is what I believe:

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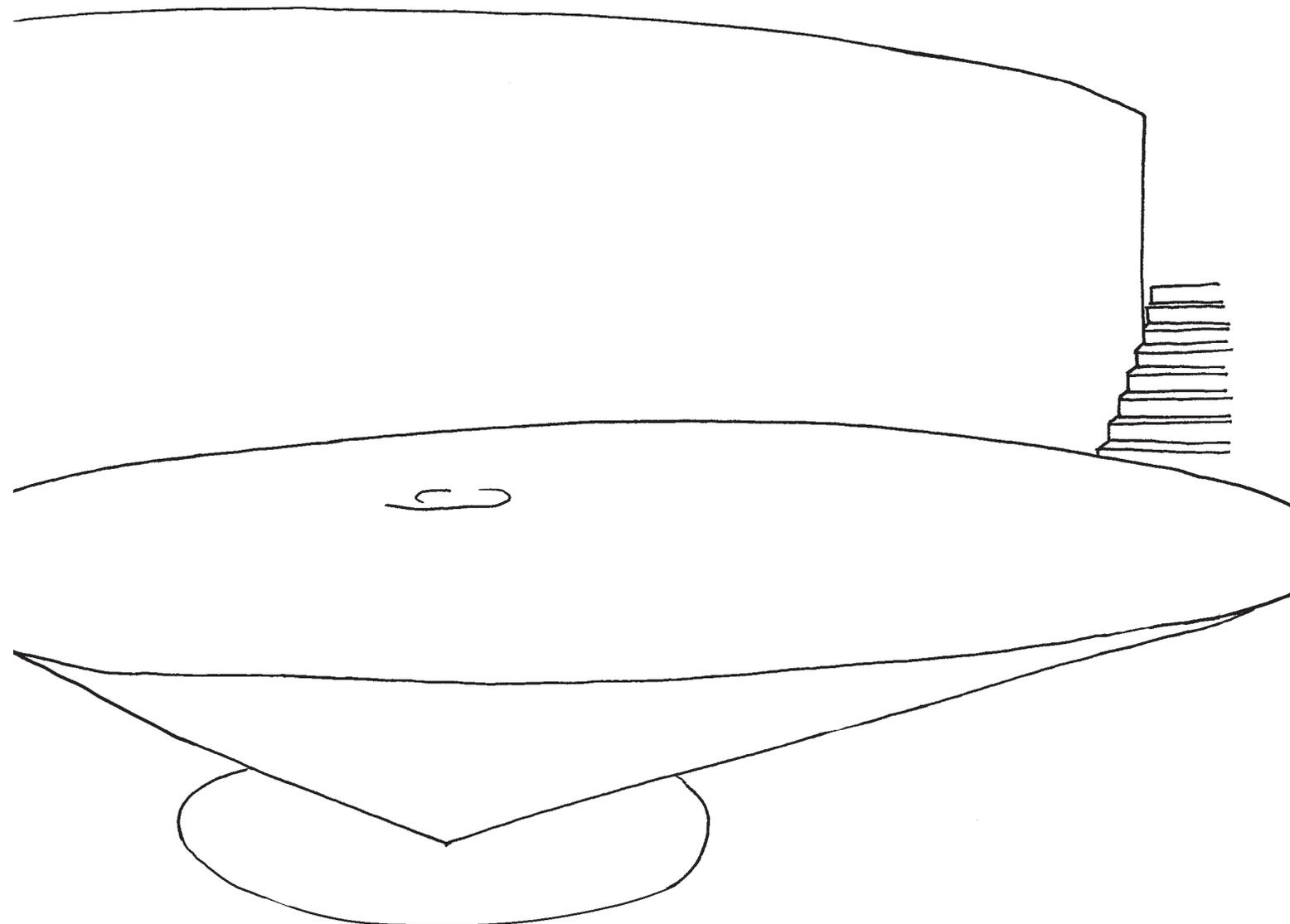
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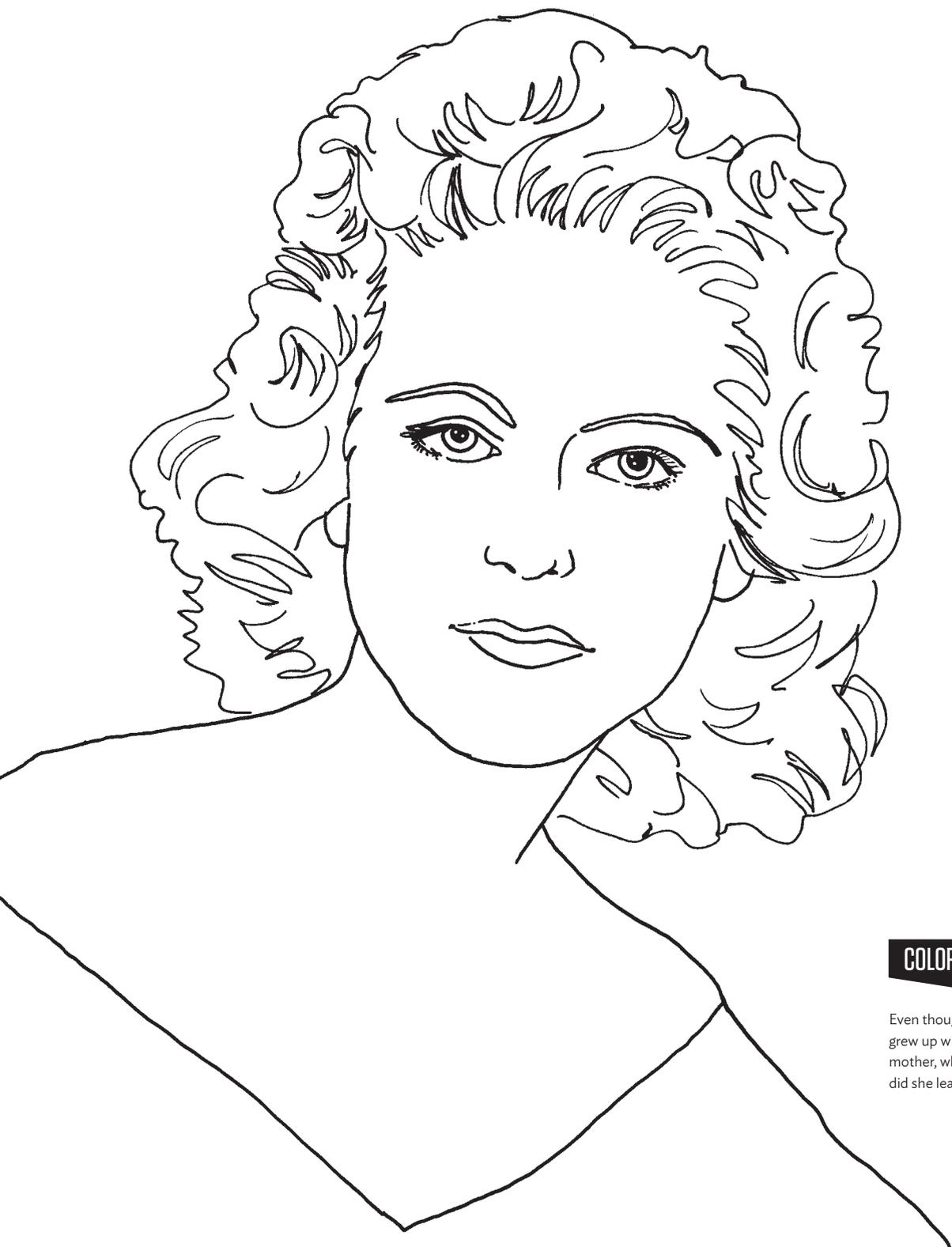
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Once you have added your own memorable quote to the memorial, color in the water as it flows over the surfaces.

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Even though her children grew up without their mother, what lasting lesson did she leave for them?

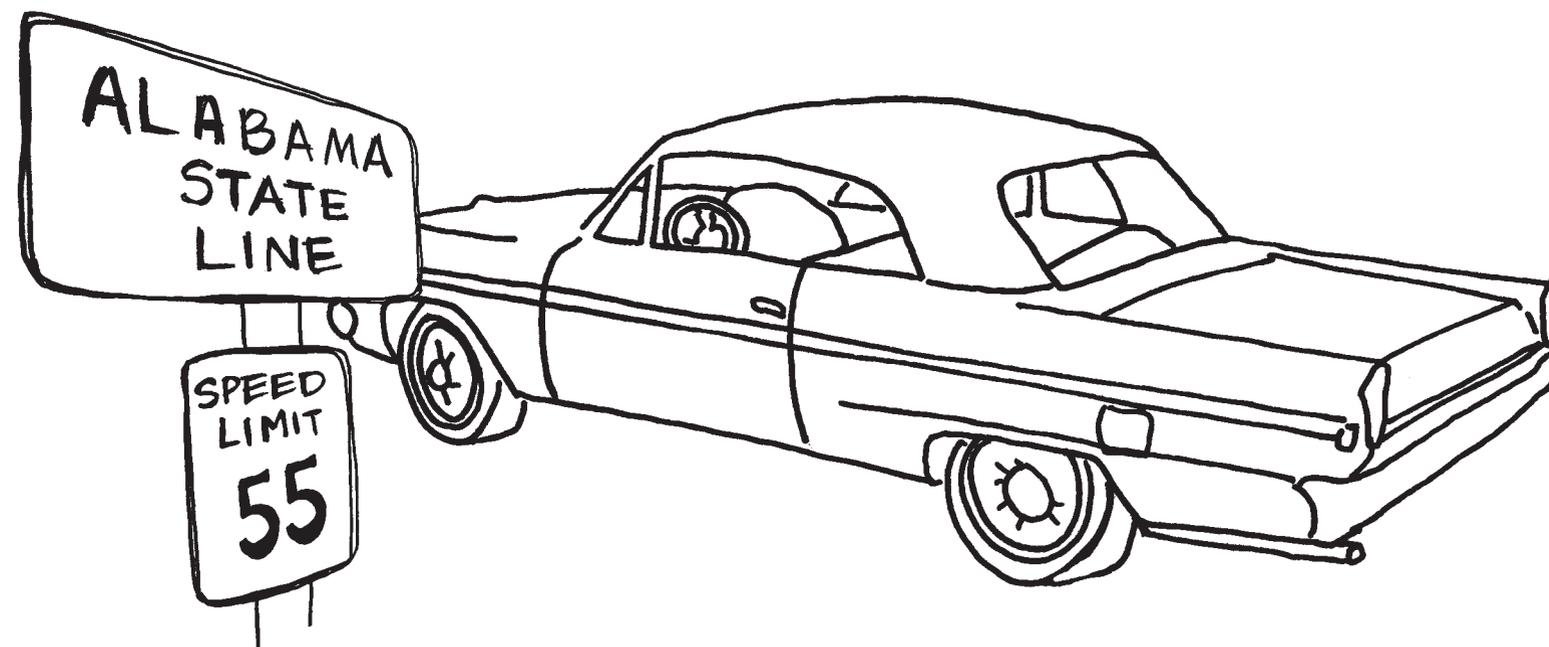
**Who Am I?**

I was a mother of five children living in Detroit, Michigan. One night, I saw some very disturbing images on the evening news. State troopers in Selma, Alabama, were attacking peaceful protestors with tear gas and clubs as they tried to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge. I couldn't do anything but cry as I watched.

Four days later came the news reports of the death of the Rev. James Reeb, a white minister from Washington, D. C., who came to Alabama to join Dr. King and thousands of others who were determined to march from Montgomery to Selma.

I got in my car and left for Selma alone.

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## A Moment in Time A Deeper Look at the Civil Rights Memorial

Answer the following questions using the Civil Rights Memorial table as reference.

1) What was the name of the case decided by the U.S. Supreme Court that ended segregation in schools?

2) In what city was Rosa Parks arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus?

3) When did 250,000 Americans march on Washington, D.C., for Civil Rights?

4) Which U.S. president signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964?

5) What is the name of the first African-American Supreme Court Justice?

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### Children of the Movement

Find the names of the children included on the Civil Rights Memorial in the word search below.

- Addie Mae Collins     Emmett Till
- Denise McNair         Virgil Ware
- John Earl Reese       Cynthia Wesley
- Carole Robertson

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### The March Continues

Social movements often use signs to convey a message. Civil Rights activists would create signs to be used as part of demonstrations or acts of civil disobedience. Design a protest sign to deliver your own important message.





**Then and Now**

Which one of the people pictured was not an activist during the Civil Rights Movement?

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How did this person benefit from the Civil Rights Movement?

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*Now draw a picture of yourself and your friends in the background, joining the march.*

How do you benefit from the Civil Rights Movement?

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### Famous Civil Rights Protest Marches

Draw a line from the march to the corresponding photo. The images are your clues.



- March on Washington
- Memphis Sanitation Workers
- Selma to Montgomery March
- Bloody Sunday
- Children’s Crusade



### Who Am I?

Once, I walked alone from Baltimore, Maryland, to the state capitol in Annapolis to protest segregation.

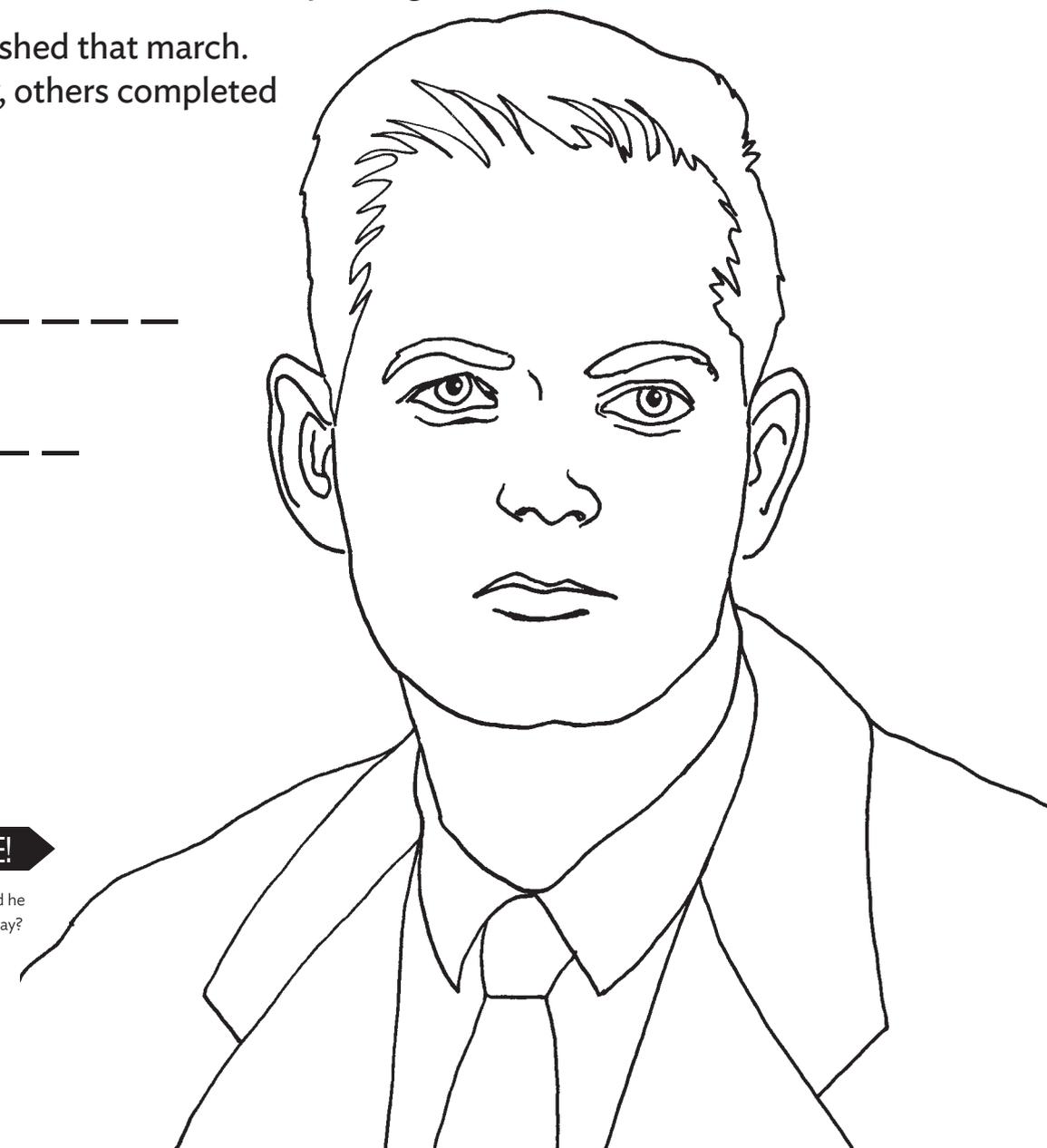
Later, I walked to Washington, D.C., to deliver a letter I wrote to President Kennedy at the White House.

My last walk was to be much longer — from Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi — to deliver a letter urging Governor Ross Barnett to accept integration.

I never finished that march. Thankfully, others completed it for me.

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What challenges would he have faced along the way?

### Mother of the Civil Rights Movement

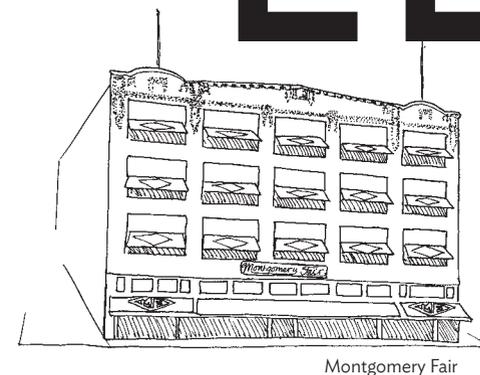
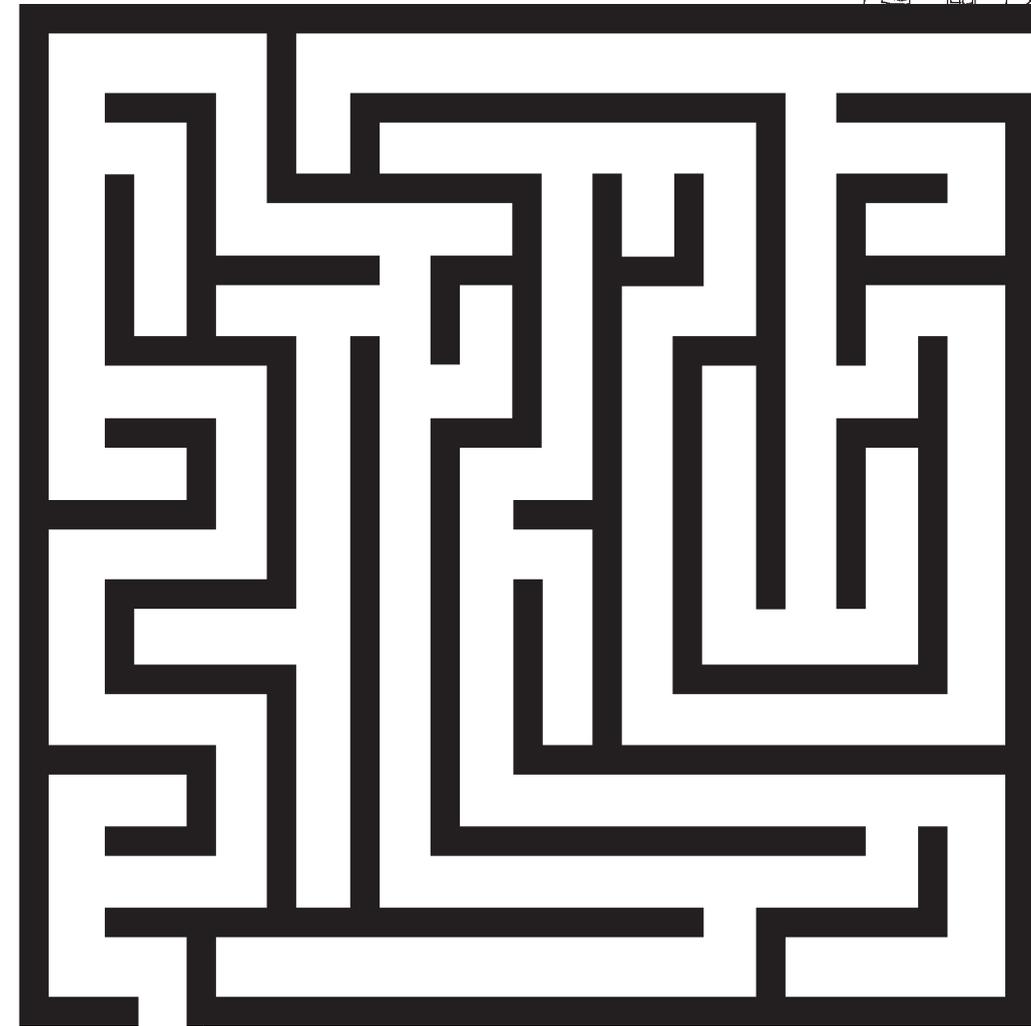
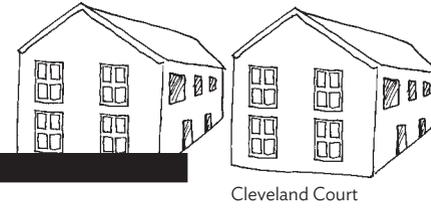
Match the identical pictures of Mrs. Rosa Parks on a Montgomery city bus.



Born Rosa Louise McClauley  
 Born February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama  
 Died October 24, 2005, in Detroit, Michigan

### Rosa Parks' Path

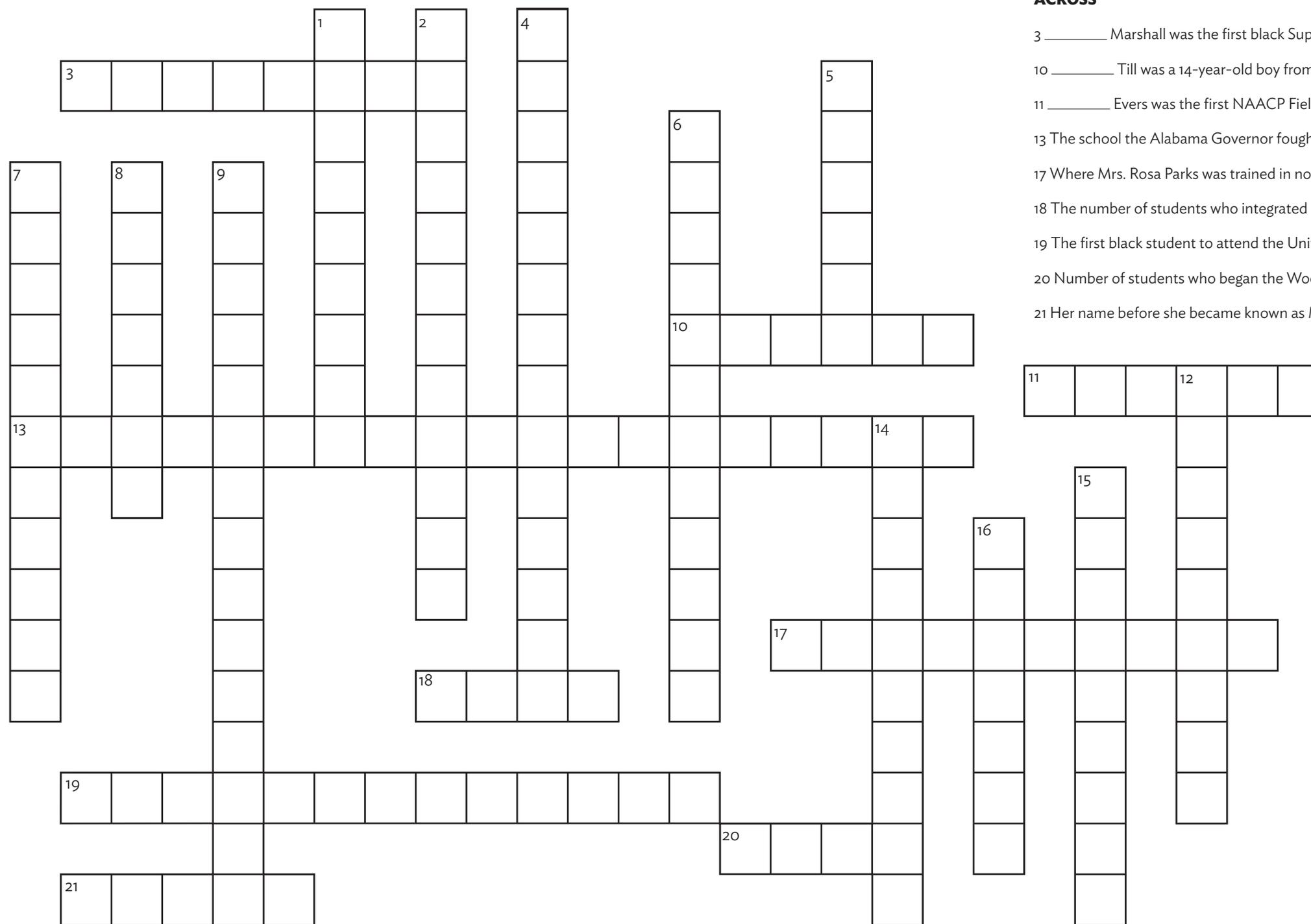
Trace the path that is the shortest distance between home and work for Mrs. Parks.



Montgomery Fair

Rosa Parks lived with her husband, Raymond, in the Cleveland Court housing development. During the Montgomery bus boycott, Mrs. Parks, like thousands of others, often walked to work.

### Facts About the Movement



**ACROSS**

- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Marshall was the first black Supreme Court justice.
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Till was a 14-year-old boy from Chicago, Illinois.
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Evers was the first NAACP Field Secretary for Mississippi.
- 13 The school the Alabama Governor fought to keep segregated.
- 17 Where Mrs. Rosa Parks was trained in nonviolent civil disobedience.
- 18 The number of students who integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 19 The first black student to attend the University of Mississippi.
- 20 Number of students who began the Woolworth Lunch Counter Sit-In in Greensboro, North Carolina.
- 21 Her name before she became known as Mrs. Coretta King.

**DOWN**

- 1 During the 1960's, he was a Freedom Rider and led the "Bloody Sunday" march. He became a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.
- 2 "Bloody Sunday" protestors marched across this bridge.
- 4 President of the United States who signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Edwards was forced to jump to his death in the Alabama River.
- 6 This reverend was killed protesting construction of segregated schools in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 7 French reporter killed during a riot at Ole Miss.
- 8 The Tennessee city where Dr. King was killed.
- 9 The Baptist Church where four schoolgirls were killed in Birmingham.
- 12 He preached about voting rights at his church in Mississippi.
- 14 City that is home to the Civil Rights Memorial.
- 15 16-year-old Texan shot while with his cousin in a little café.
- 16 George \_\_\_\_\_ was the Alabama governor who blocked the schoolhouse door.

## Ripples of Hope

Inside the Civil Rights Memorial Center, next to the Wall of Tolerance, a quote from Robert F. Kennedy’s 1966 speech at Cape Town University in South Africa appears. It reads, in part:

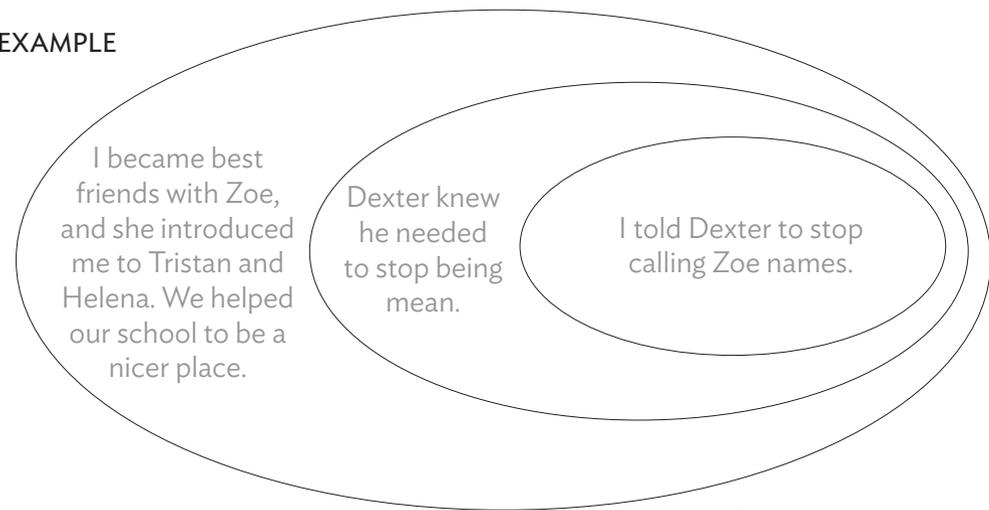
*... Each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of these acts will be written the history of this generation.*

*... Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope.*

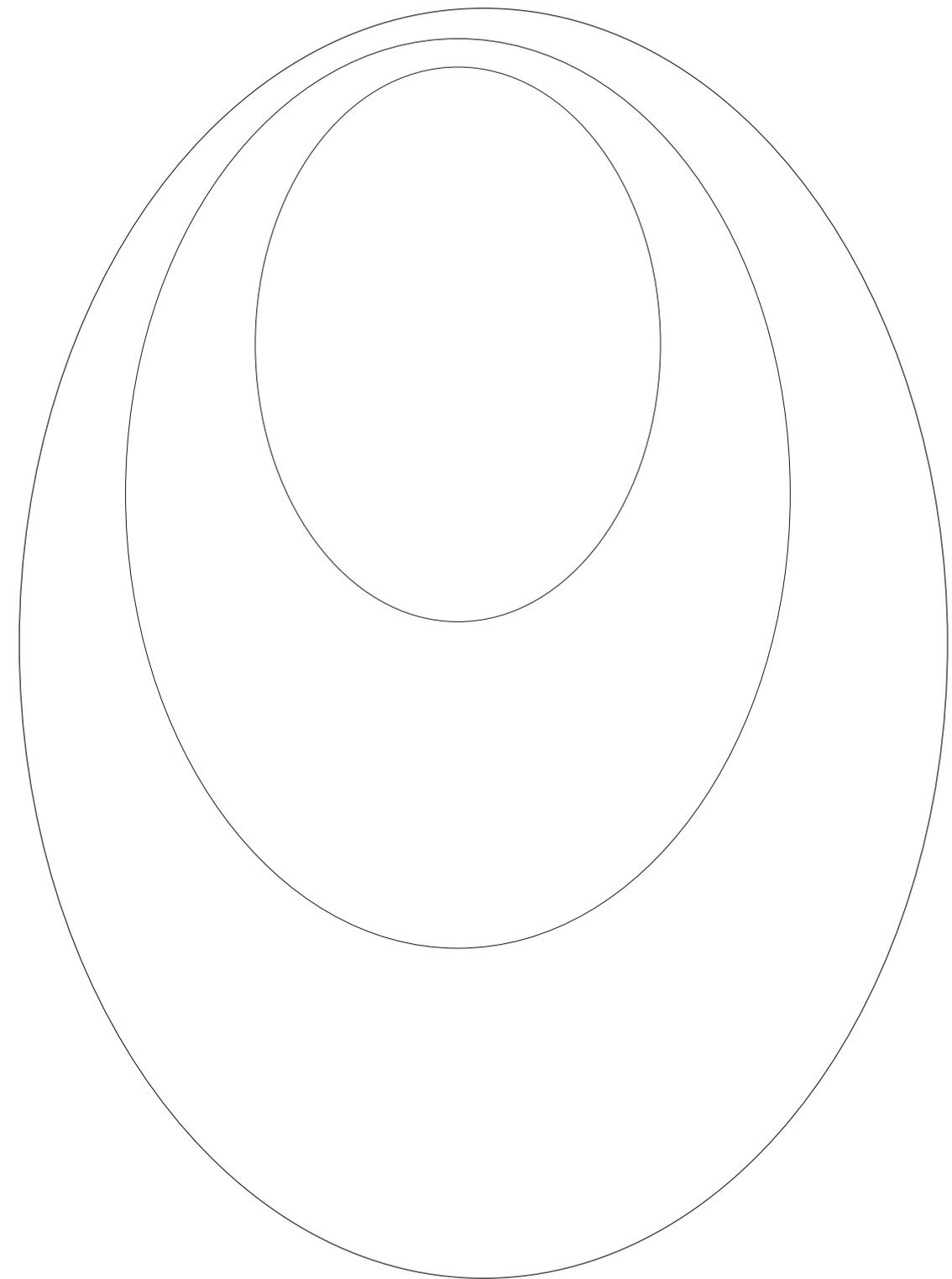
When you drop a rock in a pool of water, small waves ripple out from where the rock hit the water. Water also bubbles up through the Civil Rights Memorial to ripple out over the names of people who took a stand during the Civil Right Movement. In a similar way, when you make a personal choice, the effect or consequences of that choice can ripple out to many other people.

Think about a time when you took a stand to help someone else. Fill out the ripples on the facing page, to show how your choice affected those around you.

EXAMPLE



Now fill in the ripples ▶





### Who Am I?

I was the youngest of 12 children. My dad was a farmer. We had 80 acres of land.

I served as a military police officer in the U. S. Army, reaching the rank of corporal.

My wife had just had a new baby, and I was granted emergency leave to go home. I was excited about seeing them, but a little anxious about the 950-mile bus ride.

I was asleep when the bus pulled into my hometown of Taylorsville, Mississippi. Apparently, a Taylorsville police officer came on board when we arrived. He woke me up by slapping my face. The officer slapped me several more times before he shot me.

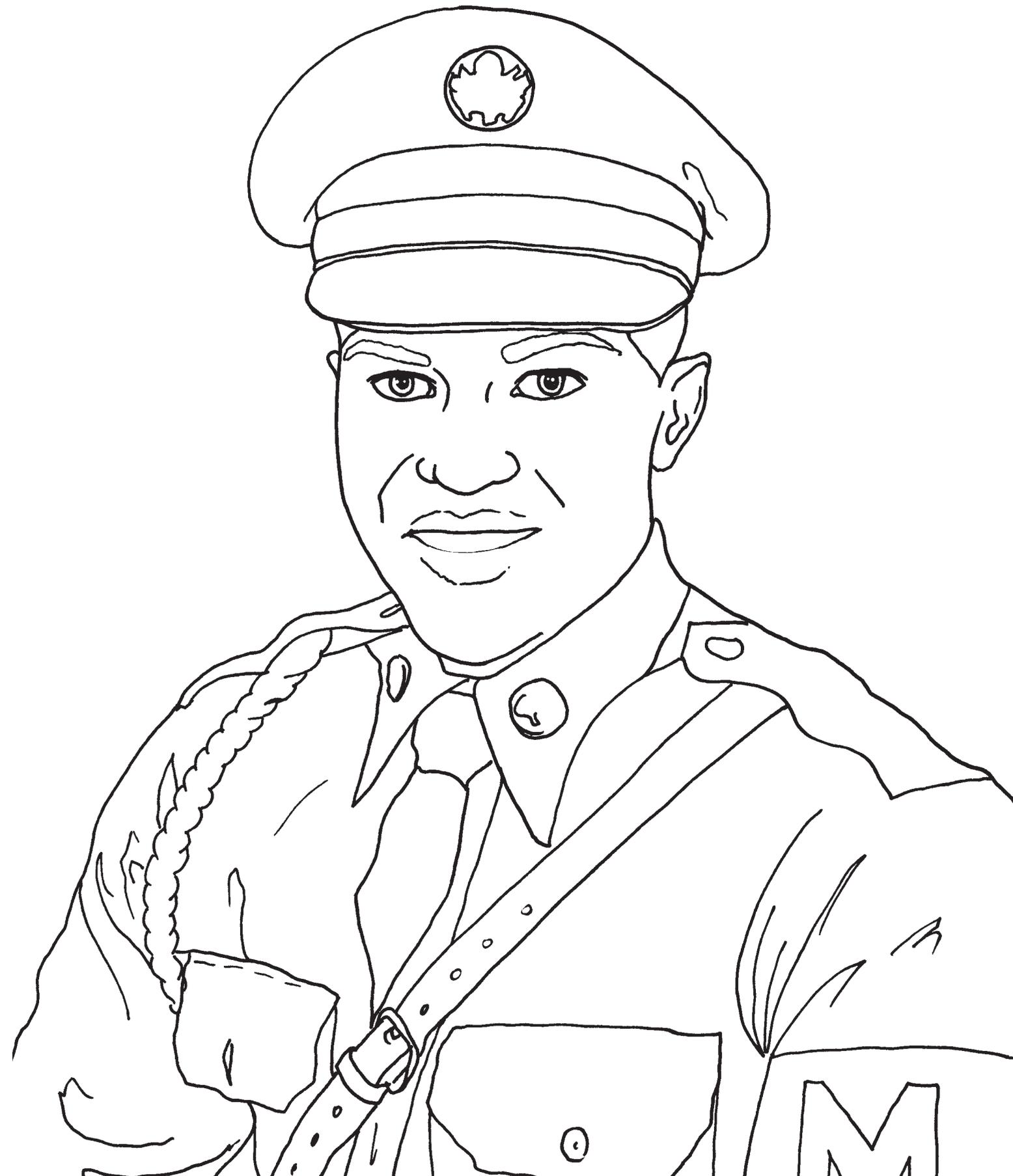
Some say the police officer shot me because I was seated in the wrong section of the bus. Others say I was mistaken for a “Freedom Rider.” The police officer later claimed I attacked him, and the grand jury believed him. The police officer was cleared of any wrongdoing.

More than 2,000 people attended my funeral. I was buried with full military honors, including a 16-gun salute.

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Why would someone be upset because a black person was seated in the “wrong” section of the bus?

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### People Power

Find the 10 things that are different in the second photograph from the original and circle them.



## Glossary

**Activism** (*noun*) the act of doing something, like participating in a march or boycott to create change in the world

**Activist** (*noun*) the person who is doing something to create change

**Boycott** (*noun*) refusing to deal with/buy from a person, business or organization

**Civil Rights** (*plural noun*) rights that guarantee freedom and equality to everyone

**Demonstration** (*noun*) publicly expressing support or protest

**Equality** (*noun*) being equal in rights and privileges

**Integration** (*verb*) to bring people together across different groups, such as race and religion

**Jim Crow** (*noun*) the system of rules and practices used to discriminate against African-Americans

**Justice** (*noun*) fairness, following the law

**Martyr** (*noun*) a person who is put to death or suffers greatly on behalf of a belief or cause

**Protest** (*noun*) making public your dislike or disapproval of something

**Segregation** (*noun*) the practice of separating out by race, religion or other group from others

**Tolerance** (*noun*) a fair, objective and accepting attitude toward those who are different from you

## Activity Answers

- #3** March on Washington — 1963  
Thurgood Marshall joins the Supreme Court — 1967  
President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act — 1964  
Lunch Counter sit-in — 1960  
Montgomery Bus Boycott — 1967  
Congress Passes Voting Rights Act — 1965

**#4**

Washington, D.C.    Montgomery, Alabama    Washington, D.C.  
Selma, Alabama    Washington, D.C.    Greensboro, North Carolina

- #7** Until Justice Rolls Down Like Waters and Righteousness Like a Mighty Stream

**#8**

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- #9** Emmett Louis Till
- #13** Viola Liuzzo
- #14** 1) *Brown v. Board of Education*  
2) Montgomery, Alabama  
3) August 28, 1963  
4) President Johnson  
5) Thurgood Marshall

**#15**

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- #17** President Barack Obama  
The Civil Rights Movement helped him become president of the United States

**#18**

Selma to Montgomery March    Children's Crusade  
Bloody Sunday    March on Washington    Memphis Sanitation Workers

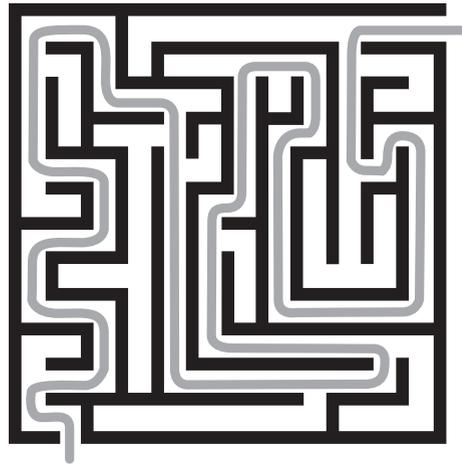
## Activity Answers

#19 William Moore

#20



#21



#22 Across

- 3) Thurgood
- 10) Emmett
- 11) Medgar
- 13) University of Alabama
- 17) Highlander
- 18) Nine
- 19) James Meredith
- 20) Four
- 21) Scott

Down

- 1) John Lewis
- 2) Edmund Pettus
- 4) Lyndon B. Johnson
- 5) Willie
- 6) Bruce Klunder
- 7) Paul Guihard
- 8) Memphis
- 9) Sixteenth Street
- 12) George Lee
- 14) Montgomery
- 15) John Reese
- 16) Wallace

#25 Corporal Roman Ducksworth Jr.

#27



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