

Stand Up for Civil Rights

Objective

Students will recognize the roots and influences of the civil rights movement in America.

Games encourage active listening skills, and active listeners enjoy more success in school. Played similarly to Bingo, this game requires students to listen carefully and act on what they hear. Use this game to reinforce learning in any topic of study.

1. Initiate a discussion with students about the civil rights movement. Explain that the United States changed dramatically as a result and the struggles of activists affected laws and influenced generations to come. Ask students how the effects of the civil rights movement can still be seen and felt today.
2. Point out that in our country's recent history, African Americans, women, and other groups have had to fight for rights described in the Constitution. Remind students that people began fighting for their rights more than a century ago. Recall the efforts of Elizabeth Cady Stanton for women's rights and of Frederick Douglass for the abolishment of slavery. Explain that the actions of such figures resulted in amendments to the Constitution, but many problems were not addressed until the 1950s and 1960s.
3. Give students copies of the **Civil Rights Caller's List reproducibles (pages 37–38)**. Explain that the reproducibles will be used to play a game similar to Bingo. Allow them time to study the topics on the list, including the NAACP, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., and important people from the women's rights movement.
4. Once students have had time to study the information, give them two copies of the **Civil Rights Answers List reproducible (page 39)** and one copy of the **Civil Rights Game Board reproducible (page 40)**.

Materials

- Civil Rights Caller's List reproducibles
- Civil Rights Answers List reproducible
- Civil Rights Game Board reproducible
- colored paper
- scissors
- glue
- reference materials
- overhead projector and transparencies



Civil Rights Game Board

Directions: Glue the boxes from the Answers List on the game board in random order. When you cover one horizontal, vertical, or diagonal row, shout: *Stand up for civil rights!*

					