Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr Lesson

KayLaura Miller (Department of Curriculum and Instruction, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, USA)
Janie Hubbard (Department of Curriculum and Instruction, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, USA)

Social Studies Research and Practice
ISSN: 1933-5415
Publication date: 19 November 2018

Abstract

Purpose

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr is a timeless book well-known among K-6 teachers, students, librarians and book-lovers throughout the USA. This multi-award winning picture book provides readers with insight into Dr Martin Luther King Jr's life and the oppression and progress of African Americans before and during an era known as the modern US Civil Rights Movement (CRM). The biography outlines the period's equity issues, and serves as a springboard for this upper elementary lesson. While Dr King played an iconic role, there were many other individuals involved in the CRM, most of whom students do not know. The purpose of this paper is to offer varying perspectives related to lesser known CRM leaders, protesters, advocates, perpetrators and bystanders.

Design/methodology/approach

Technology is incorporated through online research, videos and productions; thus, students actively engage in making connections to various individuals' points of view, those both supportive and oppositional. Students conduct research while responding to higher-order, critical-thinking questions regarding groups and forces of the CRM. Then, they expand knowledge through jigsaw research activities by collecting information, responding to inquiry questions and presenting relevant evidence-based information about CRM contributors, perpetrators and bystanders.

Findings

This is a National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Notable Tradebook Lesson Plan.

Originality/value

This is a NCSS Notable Tradebook Lesson Plan.

Keywords

Bystanders, Contributors, Civil rights movement, Elementary lesson plan, Perpetrators

Citation


Download as .RIS

Publisher: Emerald Publishing Limited
Copyright © 2018, Emerald Publishing Limited

To read the full version of this content please select one of the options below

You may be able to access this content by logging in via Shibboleth, Open Athens or with your Emerald Account.

To rent this content from Deepdyve, please click the button.

If you think you should have access to this content, click the button to contact our support team.
Martin Luther King Jr. was in trouble. He had been arrested in Birmingham, Ala., for leading a freedom march. Now he was in jail. Within a few years, it would help change the lives of most black Americans, and the lives of many white Americans, too. What happened in Montgomery that day? A black woman, Rosa Parks, was seated just behind the "white" section on a bus. Martin's Big Words book. Read 1,269 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. The Barnes & Noble ReviewAcclaimed author Doreen Rappaport an... An extraordinary picture-book biography, Martin's Big Words consists of Rappaport's own words interwoven with quotes from Dr. King...all powerfully brought to life by Collier's striking, glorious art. Rappaport's spare, gripping text and Collier's distinctive collage-and-watercolor illustrations depict King's life journey with reverence and dignity -- beginning with his childhood experience of seeing "White Only" signs throughout his hometown, presenting his efforts as a civil rights crusader, and ending abruptly with his assassination. Martin Luther King Jr - ESL video exercise for Martin Luther King Day about Dr King's life and achievements. Watch a short biographical video about Dr King, and then complete a multiple choice listening comprehension test. Browse our site for more free lessons for teaching and learning English across all skills and at all levels. Watch this short video about Martin Luther King Jr. Don't try to understand everything. Listen to get a general idea of what the video is about the first time you watch it. When you have watched the video, scroll down the page to read the questions. Listening Comprehension.