

# Birth Certificate of the Civil Rights Movement

## Instructions:

Use your primary sources, your knowledge of World War II and your understanding of the Civil Rights Movement to complete this birth certificate to explain how African Americans' wartime efforts helped lead to – or give birth to – breakthroughs for racial justice and equality in the 1950s and 1960s. While no one can say for certain that the Civil Rights Movement began on one particular day or had one specific trigger, you will make an argument here that the Civil Rights Movement started with the events referenced in your source(s). Guidance for completing each part of the certificate is below.

**Was Born On:** Provide a date, as specific as possible, that correlates to your source(s) and/or the World War II developments you are focusing on.

**In:** Provide a place, as specific as possible, that correlates to your source(s) and/or the World War II developments you are focusing on.

**To Parent(s):** Identify the key figure(s) involved in your source(s) and/or the World War II developments you are focusing on.

**Because:** Explain the cause-and-effect relationship between your source(s) and/or the World War II developments you are focusing on, and the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. How did these wartime developments help lead to the Civil Rights Movement? What were the issues surrounding racial justice and equality that African-Americans faced during World War II and then confronted in other ways during the 1950s and 1960s?

**Image:** Add a photo, image or illustration that helps us understand this “baby” and where it came from.

# Certificate of Birth

This is to Certify that the Civil Rights Movement, was born on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of birth)

in \_\_\_\_\_ to Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Location of Birth) (Name(s) of Parent(s))

because: \_\_\_\_\_  
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