



Civil Rights in New York: From School Boycotts to ‘Beyond Vietnam’ Online Workshop – January 12, 2021

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This case study in *Activist New York* examines how civil rights activists mobilized to fight racist policies and practices in New York City, from housing discrimination to school segregation to police brutality.

Learn about activists, examine photographs and artifacts, and find lesson plans at activistnewyork.mcnyc.org/exhibition/political-and-civil-rights/civil-rights

Racial Justice Today: The Movement for Black Lives, 2012-2020

This case study from *Activist New York* traces the ongoing Movement for Black lives and looks at the intersectional approach activists have taken to address systemic racism, gender discrimination, health hazards, anti-immigrant sentiment, and economic inequality.

Learn about the Movement, examine photographs and artifacts, and find lesson plans at activistnewyork.mcnyc.org/exhibition/political-and-civil-rights/movement-black-lives

MCNY Virtual Field Trip: The Civil Rights Movement in NYC

Explore New York City’s role in the civil rights movement and discover the importance of youth action in the 1964 boycott by NYC students against segregated schools. Participants will hear the stories of civil rights activists to learn about New York’s major role in the Black freedom movement and the ongoing movement for racial justice today.

Available for students in grades 2-12. Learn more at mcnyc.org/education/virtual-field-trips

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