

The Civil Rights Movement--Connection to Today

Rationale

This 50-minute lesson is to be used in conjunction with “What was the Civil Rights Movement?”. In this lesson, students will build on their background knowledge of the civil rights movement of the 1950’s and 1960’s to determine whether the civil rights movement has achieved its’ goals.

Guiding Question

Is “a change gonna come” or are the times “a-changing”? Has the civil rights movement achieved its goals?

Mastery Objectives

Students will be able to justify their opinion about whether the civil rights movement has achieved its goals.

Standards Addressed (from the National Council for the Social Studies)

Time, Continuity, and Change (the study of the ways human beings view themselves in and over time)

Individuals, Groups, and Institutions (interactions among individuals, groups, and institutions)

Power, Authority, and Governance (how people create and change structures of power, authority, and governance)

Materials

- Attached lyrics of “A Change is Gonna Come” as performed by Sam Cooke
- Audio and/or video file of “A Change is Gonna Come” as performed by Sam Cooke
- Attached lyrics of “The Times They Are A-Changing” as performed by Bob Dylan
- Audio and/or video file of “The Times They Are A-Changing” as performed by Bob Dylan
- Attached assessment directions
- Attached fishbone graphic organizer for “A Change is Gonna Come”
- Attached fishbone graphic organizer for “The Times They Are A-Changing”

Procedures

1. Activator:

Ask students, “What were the goals of the civil rights movement? Do you think the goals have been achieved?”

Briefly discuss and post student responses.

2. Guided instruction:

Distribute the lyrics of “A Change is Gonna Come” as performed by Sam Cooke. Play an audio and/or video file of “A Change is Gonna Come” as performed by Sam Cooke.

Complete the fishbone graphic organizer noting the personal experiences that lead to the main idea of the song.

Distribute the lyrics to of “The Times They Are-A Changing” as performed by Bob Dylan.

Play an audio and/or video file of “The Times They Are-A Changing” as performed by Bob Dylan.
Complete the fishbone graphic organizer noting the advice the singer gives that lead to the main idea of the song.

3. Individual Practice/Assessment

Students are to respond to the following: “Is “a change gonna come” or are the times “a-changing”? Has the civil rights movement achieved its goals?” Use what you know about civil rights, current events, and either the song “A Change is Gonna Come” or “The Times They Are A-Changing” to support your response.

Direct students to choose one of the following ways to respond:

- Write a sentence and list 3 bullet points of evidence OR
- Draw a picture with labels on 3 pieces of evidence OR
- Create a graphic organizer with 3 pieces of evidence.

Assessment

Response to the guiding question by either writing, drawing, or creating a graphic organizer. All responses must include at least 3 pieces of evidence.

A Change Is Gonna Come

as performed by Sam Cooke

I was born by the river in a little tent
Oh and just like the river I've been running ever since
Its been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will

Its been too hard living but I'm afraid to die
'Cause I don't know what's up there beyond the sky
Its been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will

I go to the movie and I go downtown
Somebody keep telling me, "Don't hang around"
Its been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will

Then I go to my brother
And I say, "Brother, help me please"
But he winds up knockin' me
Back down on my knees

Oh there been times that I thought I couldn't last for long
But now I think I'm able to carry on
Its been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will

<http://www.metrolyrics.com/a-change-is-gonna-come-lyrics-sam-cooke.html>

to hear the song use above link OR <http://www.jango.com/music/Sam+Cooke?l=0>

The Times They Are A-Changing

as performed by Bob Dylan

Come gather 'round people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You'll be drenched to the bone
If your time to you
Is worth saving'
Then you better start swimmin'
Or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin'.

Come writers and critics
Who prophesize with your pen
And keep your eyes wide
The chance won't come again
And don't speak too soon
For the wheel's still in spin
And there's no tellin' who
That it's naming
For the loser now
Will be later to win
For the times they are a-changin'.

Come senators, congressmen
Please heed the call
Don't stand in the doorway
Don't block up the hall
For he that gets hurt
Will be he who has stalled
There's a battle outside
And it is ragin'
It'll soon shake your windows
And rattle your walls
For the times they are a-changin'.

Come mothers and fathers
Throughout the land
And don't criticize
What you can't understand
Your sons and daughters
Are beyond your command
Your old road is
Rapidly agin'
Please get out of the new one
If you can't lend your hand
For the times they are a-changin'.

The line it is drawn
The curse it is cast
The slow one now
Will later be fast
As the present now
Will later be past
The order is
Rapidly fadin'
And the first one now
Will later be last
For the times they are a-changin'.

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The Civil Rights Movement--Connection to Today Assessment

**Is “a change gonna come” or are the times “a-changing”?
Has the civil rights movement achieved its goals?”**

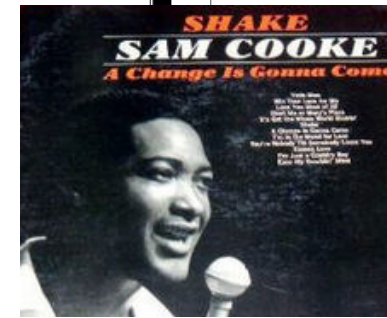
Directions: Choose one of the following ways to respond to the question:

- Write a sentence and list 3 bullet points of evidence OR
- Draw a picture with labels on 3 pieces of evidence OR
- Create a graphic organizer with 3 pieces of evidence.

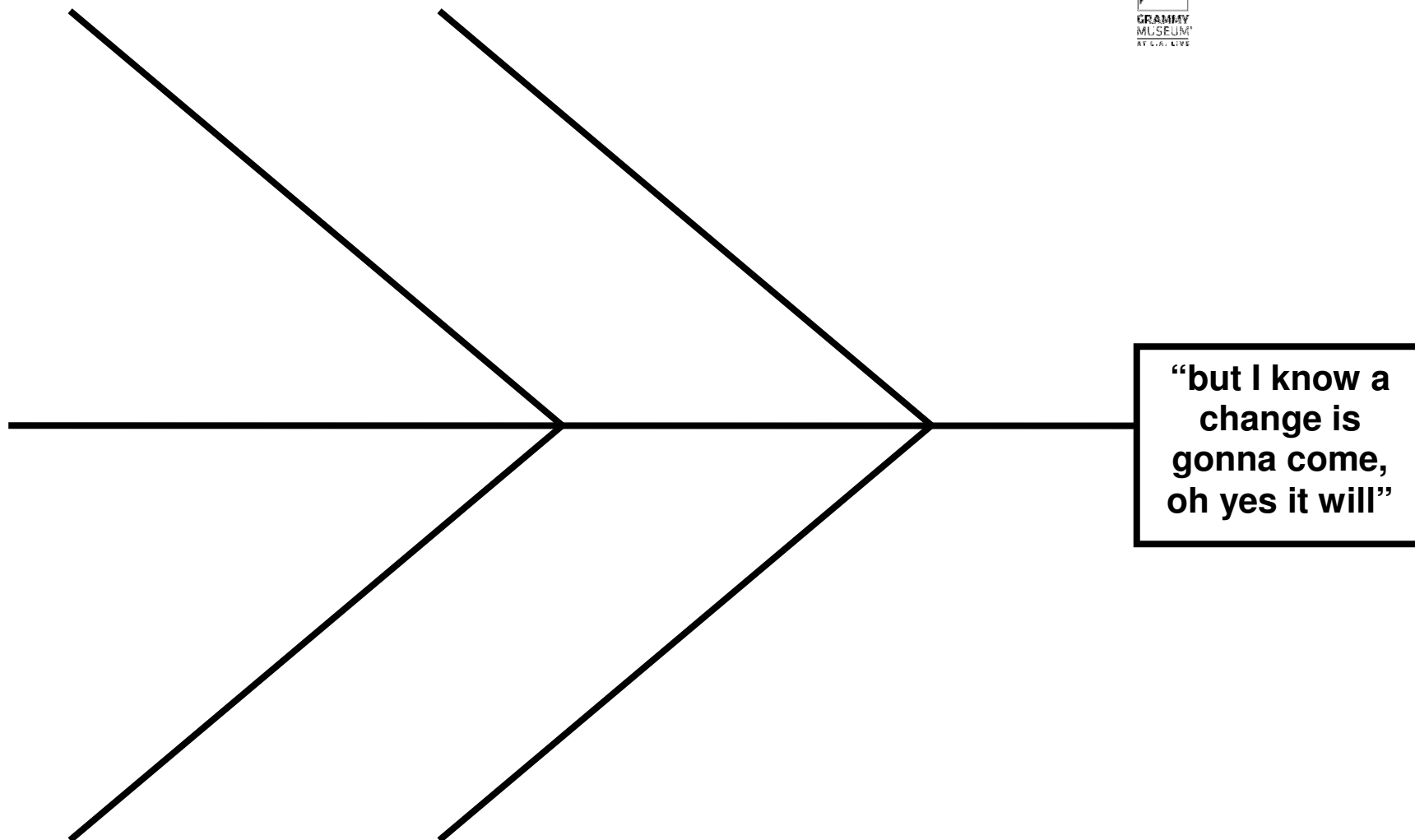
Use what you know about the civil rights movement, current events, and either the song “A Change is Gonna Come” or “The Times They Are A-Changing” to support your response.

“A Change is Gonna Come” Fishbone Graphic Organizer

Directions: List the personal experiences described in song on each diagonal line (“bone”) of the graphic organizer (“fish”).

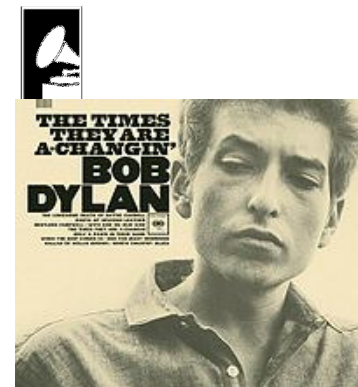


http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Change_Is_Gonna_Come



“The Times They Are A-Changing” Fishbone Graphic Organizer

Directions: List the advice the singer gives on each diagonal line (“bone”) of the graphic organizer (“fish”).



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