C3 Inquiry Overview: The Civil Rights Movement & Memphis School Desegregation FIFTH GRADE

Inquiry Question: What is the role of children in social movements?		
C3 Disciplinary Focus:	C3 Inquiry Focus	Content Topic
Civics	Developing claims and using	Children using their rights and
	evidence and Communicating	responsibilities as citizens in
	and Critiquing Conclusions	the Civil Rights Movement

C3 Focus Indicators

D2.Civ.12.3-5. Explain how rules and laws change society and how people change rules and laws. D2.His.3.3-5. Generate questions about individuals and groups who have shaped significant historical changes and continuities.

D2.His.10.3-5. Compare the information provided by different historical sources about the past. D2.His.12.3-5. Generate questions about multiple historical sources and their relationships to particular historical events and developments

D3.4.3-5. Use evidence to develop claims in response to compelling questions.

Suggested Grade Level:	Suggested Timeline:	
5th Grade	Day 1: Stage the compelling question	
	Day 2: Supporting Question 1	
	Day 3: Supporting Question 2	
	Day 4: Supporting Question 3	
	Day 5: Summative Performative Task	
TN Social Studies Standard(s)) Students will analyze the key people and events of the Civil	
	Rights Movement, including • Martin Luther King Jr. and	
	nonviolent protests • Montgomery Bus Boycott and Rosa Parks •	
	Brown v. Board of Education and Thurgood Marshall • Freedom	
	Riders and Diane Nash. Students will also explain the impact of	
	John F. Kennedy's presidency on the country, including the	

	passage of the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, the space program, and his assassination. 5.24, 5.25
C3 Framework Indicator	Historical Sources and Evidence Participation and Deliberation: Applying Civic Virtues and Democratic Principles
Staging the Compelling Question	This unit focuses on the importance of remembering, the role of children in The Civil Rights Movement, intergenerational conversations, and local history and heros. Preface: The importance of The Civil Rights Movement, Brown v Board of Education, school desegregation, and the role children had in The Civil Rights Movement. Highlight how instrumental school desegregation was to civil rights in our community, how freedom is a constant struggle, the synergy of past-present relations, and the role of remembering via social studies, civics, and history in schools. Emphasize the importance of remembering our stories with Toni Morrison's "Remember" Book Talk (10:00-14:40 mins). Remembering: How do we use primary sources to document our memories (history) in our community? Share the LOC oral history with Glenda Funchess (first 5 minutes or so). Glenda Funchess speaks about her childhood in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She remembers her experiences as one of the first children to desegregate Hattiesburg schools. As students listen to the oral history, ask them to jot down questions the interviewer asked. Afterward, use the Glenda Funchess interview to discuss how to conduct oral histories and collect primary sources from elders. Make note of techniques (questions asked) and how the interview is collecting insight documented from the people who experienced desegregation (primary source). In small groups, have students discuss potential interview questions. What are good questions to ask and

why? Feel free to use the <u>TMSH Interview with Elders</u> and for more support the <u>StoryCorp Tips for a great conversation</u> and <u>Smithsonian How to Oral History</u> website.

 If the student does not have an elder to interview, they can use the data from our website to contribute to our/story of school desegregation in Memphis.

Provide Summative Project Overview and Expectations:

 Let students know they, like historians, will be engaged in documenting stories of their elder's experiences with school desegregation. Provide the expected report format for documenting these stories using primary sources (interviews, photos, music, newspaper clippings) and establish a due date for the collection of primary sources, summative reports and or class or community presentations.

Prep needed: Notify students and guardians of the upcoming curriculum unit. Request that students begin to recruit an elder and schedule time to meet with them for an interview prior to this lesson. Students should also collect copies complimentary primary sources (photos, music, newspapers...) to share.

Supporting Question 1	Supporting Question 2	Supporting Question 3
How have people used primary source documents (photos, newspapers, school board meetings, music) to engage in historical thinking, remembering, and cultural memory making?	How have people used primary sources to share our/stories and help us remember how Brown vs. The Board of Education impacted our schools and the role that schoolchildren had in desegregating schools in our community?	How do we effectively use the primary sources we have collected to create our/story of school desegregation in Memphis?
Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task

Discuss the role of primary sources (story telling, oral history,, photos, documents, and music) in remembering, cultural memory making, and sharing our history. Host a ConverStations Gallary Walk using the 5th Grade Primary Sources. Play Suggested Civil Rights Music in the background while students are walking around and reflecting on the primary sources in the gallery.

Have students discuss and record their responses to the supporting question on the <u>5th</u> <u>Grade: M13 Primary Source</u> <u>Analysis</u> Guide.

Remind student to conduct their interviews.

Students watch The Memphis
13 Documentary. Complete 5-W
overview that explains WHO
The Memphis 13 are, HOW they
and their family worked to
make a difference, WHEN,
WHERE, and WHY they wanted
to desegregate our Memphis
city schools.

5th Grade: The Memphis 13 5-W Summary

Analyze the documentary and discuss how the primary sources were used to document what were the experiences of the Memphis 13, and how did they change our schools and our community?

Students participate in small (3-4) group discussions about their experiences interviewee an elder and collecting primary sources with their peers.

Student share the primary sources gathered from their elders and reflect on how it compares or contrasts what what they learned from primary sources in the Galary Walk and in The Memphis 13 documentary.

Use the Making History
Reflective Questions to spur
conversation about how to
conduct oral histories
effectively and reflect on the
historical significance of these
primary sources as they impact
us today.

Featured Sources	Featured Sources	Featured Sources
Converstations Primary	The Memphis 13 Documentary	Making History Reflective
Sources		<u>Questions</u>
Additional sources in <u>The</u>	Additional Resources:	
Memphis 13 Primary Source	LOC Exploring Community	
<u>Archive</u>	through Local History	
Suggested Civil Rights Music	Black Education in Tennessee	
The Memphis 13 Primary		
Source Analysis Guide		
Additional Resources:		

Youth Civil Rights Activist Birmingham Children's March School Desegregation LOC The Civil Rights Movement		
Summative Performance Task	As a class, make a concept connection web and collective mural or Jamboard/Prezi of school desegregation in Memphis. Have students write on post-it notes (oral history quotes) and post photos, news clippings, and more to collectively capture our stories about the role that school children played in desegregating our schools. Prompt students to add information about the CRM's goals, major events, people, places, and how children were involved. Exit Ticket: • Which 3 primary sources did you choose and why? • What 2 things have you learned about the history of our schools and Why are they important to know? • How will YOU be remembered? EXTENSION: The Memphis 13 and others like them are not always included in textbooks. Have students create a pretend textbook entry for the Memphis 13. What would it include? What primary source(s) would be useful for Tennessee students to learn more about the Memphis 13?	
Taking Informed Action	Consider the following questions by conducting additional research: Community Conversation: Share the collectively composed (electronic) mural with The Memphis 13 and education leaders, educators, and students in your community. Compare and contrast stories shared by elders with members of The Memphis 13 from their audience's experiences? Discuss policies and practices that would honor the life and legacy of our elders and the Memphis	

13 in the sacrifices to create more equitable and inclusive schools.

Write a letter to your campus leaders (teachers, principals, counelors) about the importance of equitable and inclusive schools and what you would like to see on campus.

Participate in an MSCS school board meeting and advocate for a policy or practice that you believe increases inclusivity and equity at schools.

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