

Music of the Civil Rights Movement

Introduce the role of [Music in the Civil Rights Movement](#) and play 2-3 songs for the students to listen to while participating in the conversations.

Suggested songs:

- Oh Freedom, by Odetta [▶ Oh Freedom! - The Golden Gospel Singers \(Lyrics in Description\)](#)
- Change gone come by Sam Cooke [▶ Sam Cooke - A change is gonna come - 1963](#)
- Oxford town by Bob Dylan [▶ Bob Dylan - Oxford Town \(Official Audio\)](#)
- I wish I knew how it would to be free by Nina Simone
[▶ Nina Simone - I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free \(Montreux 1976\)](#)
- Woke up this morning by The Freedom Singers
[▶ The Freedom Singers - Woke Up This Morning](#)
- Keep on pushing by Curtis Mayfield
- Freedom Highway by The Staple Singers
[▶ THE STAPLE SINGERS -"Freedom Highway" \(1965\)](#)
- Ain't Nobody Gonna Turn Me 'Round by The Roots
[▶ The Roots - Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around](#)
- People Get Ready by The Impressions [▶ "People Get Ready" The Impressions](#)
- A Change is Gonna Come by Sam Cook
[▶ Sam Cooke - A Change Is Gonna Come \(Official Lyric Video\)](#)
- Eye on the Prize by Sweet Honey in the Rock [▶ Sweet Honey In The Rock - Eye On The Prize](#)
- Glory- Common & John Legend [▶ Common, John Legend - Glory](#)

Ask how listening to music may be used to understand the cultural context of history? How did the music influence their perceptions of the primary sources? Additional questions that may be used to analyze music are on [LOC Analyzing Music](#)