

VIDEOS:

Documentaries:

Eyes on the Prize, 8 superb videos showing the key events in the Civil Rights Movement in America, 1954-1980's. Available in public libraries throughout R.I., including the South Providence Branch Library.

A Force More Powerful, Excellent PBS documentary showing Nonviolence at work IN WORLD War II in Denmark, and in 5 movements throughout the world. Available in public libraries.

Mighty Times, A recent, very good documentary available free to trainer and teachers by contacting teachingtolerance.org or writing to Teaching Tolerance magazine in Montgomery, Alabama. This video conveys the joy and powerful cooperation of the people of Montgomery in living and remembering their struggle. Good for young people and all ages. The energy of doing nonviolence is contagious when you watch this video. *Appropriate for children.*

You Got to Move, Nonviolence at work against racism, injustice in labor, toxic waste pollution, and strip mining. Ordinary people in several locations fight injustice with justice and nonviolent direct action. Available at Harris Library in Woonsocket, R.I. and through the MacArthur Foundation.

Land of the Brave, A very recent documentary about the Voting Rights struggle in Selma, Alabama, in 1965, seen through the life and death of Viola Liuzzo, a volunteer who was killed there. Her family RETRACES her commitment and her steps, and APPLIES the lessons of Selma in 1965 to the present political state of our nation. See it in theatres, especially smaller theatres near universities.

Feature Films: Available from most video stores.

The Long Walk Home, Starring Whoopi Goldberg and Sissy Spacek, shows the changes in two families, especially in the women, during the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Watch especially the effect of Nonviolence on the maid's son, and the necessity of the mass meetings that kept people courageous in the face of great danger and opportunity.

Selma, Lord, Selma, Nonviolent direct community action, as watched and joined by two girls aged 8 and 9 and their families. Adapted from their autobiographical book of the same name. *Appropriate for children.*

Separate But Equal, Thurgood Marshall and his team strategize, argue, and win school desegregation in the Supreme Court in 1954. Watch how they think! *Appropriate for children.*

My Friend Martin, *Appropriate for children.*

Ruby Bridges, *Appropriate for children.*

Books :

Eyes on the Prize, by Juan Williams, the companion book to the video series.

Walking with the Wind, Congressman John Lewis's memoir of a life of Nonviolence in the Movement and ever since. The best book I've read on Nonviolence in action!

Hope and History, by Vincent Harding. A veteran of the movement, historian, committed to Nonviolence and the renewal of democracy, Vincent Harding applies the Movement's lessons to the problems of today and recommends that people teach nonviolence in institutes and youth programs all over America! Good ideas on how to teach Nonviolence.

My Soul is Rested, edited by Howell Raines. Ordinary people who the Movement happen where they live give short testimonies in this book, telling how they did it and how they felt about it then and now.

A New Standard of Leadership, by Keshavan Nair. A disciple of Gandhi's presents key principles of Gandhi's thought and action and applies them to any business or work that we do today.

Books by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

Stride Toward Freedom (Montgomery, AL)

Why We Can't Wait (Birmingham, AL)

Where Do We Go from Here? Chaos or Community? (Mid-1960s, Vietnam, Next Steps)

Strength to Love (Timeless, practical sermons)

Long Walk to Freedom, Nelson Mandela. South Africa's struggle and the tension between violence and Nonviolence.

SNCC: The New Abolitionists, by Howard Zinn. The alternate model of leadership that made the freedom struggle possible in Mississippi in the 1960s: decentralized leadership where all take part and local people learn to lead and stay involved. (This text is an alternative to leadership by a charismatic leader and followership by the many.)

The Civil Rights Movement: Photographs and commentary by Stephen Krashen.

Books for CHILDREN:

Angel Child, Dragon Child, by Michelle Surat. My number 1 Nonviolence book for kids & others. This book shows how to use the 6 steps to turn enemies into good friends and work together from today on. (scholastic)

Gandhi, by Demi. A beautiful picture book of Gandhi's life and thoughts.

Dear Dr. King, Letters from today's children to Dr. King. a touching, important book. (scholastic)