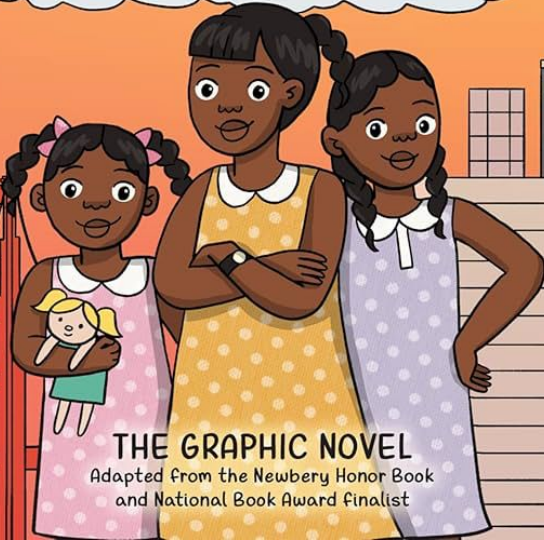


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ONE CRAZY SUMMER



THE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Adapted from the Newbery Honor Book
and National Book Award Finalist

One Crazy Summer: The Graphic Novel

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**Activity : *Citizenship Superheroes:
Voices of Change!!!***

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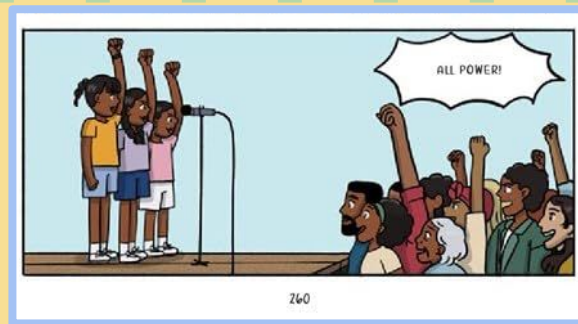
Grade Level: 8th
Content Area:
Social Studies
Standard: Civics

Grade Level Expectation:

Construct an understanding of the changing definition of citizenship and the expansion of rights of citizens in the United States.

Evidence Outcome:

Compare how the leadership of various individuals has influenced the United States government and politics. For example: Women, American Indians, African Americans, and people in the unsettled territories.



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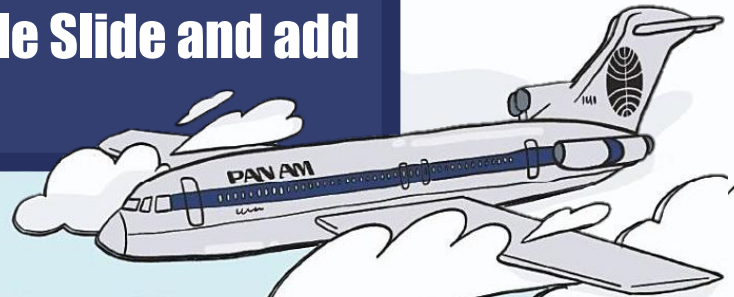
Activity Overview

This activity invites students to connect the history and themes in *One Crazy Summer* with the bigger story of citizenship in the U.S. Students will design a visual collage on an actual historical figure that fought for equality, rights, or fairness. They will use this collage to describe this person's impact and write a one page research paper on how they advocated for civil rights movements and expanded the rights for American citizens.

This activity is most effective when done in a **small group**, with each group creating a collage and conducting research. After they are done, they will present their work to the class. This way, students can learn from each other's ideas while celebrating creativity and history.

Some Materials You Might Need

- ★ **Copy of *One Crazy Summer: The Graphic Novel***
(or read-aloud sections)
- ★ **Computer for research and writing**
research portion
- ★ **Access to a collage maker**
(Or you can use a Google Slide and add
pictures)



It's Time To Create Your Collage!!

Introduction (5 minutes):

The teacher connects to the story by saying: "In *One Crazy Summer*, Delphine and her sisters meet real activists working for change — people like Huey Newton and the Black Panthers, who wanted fairness, safety, and equal rights for their community."

Students will brainstorm which civil rights advocate they would like to research.

Discussion (5–7 minutes):

As a class, discuss examples from the book where characters advocated for their rights. Some ideas include:

- Huey Newton & the Black Panthers → fighting for equality and safety in Oakland.
- Cecile → using poetry and her voice to share ideas of freedom and resistance.
- Delphine → learning to speak up and take responsibility as a leader, even at a young age.

Research and Writing (20-25 minutes):

Students will research about their chosen individual and learn more about their history by writing a one page paper about their impact on American citizens and the Civil Rights Movement.

Designing a Collage (15–20 minutes):

In small groups, students can pick one of these characters (or the Black Panthers as a whole) and create a collage or mood board for them. This can include pictures of the individual, quotes, or other elements that describe them.

Today, in small groups, you will be learning about someone who fought to expand civil rights and equality!

Sharing (10 minutes):

Each group presents their collage and what they learned while researching.

Wrap-Up (5 minutes):

The teacher closes by saying: "In *One Crazy Summer*, ordinary people showed extraordinary bravery. We see how activism, art, and leadership all help expand what it means to be a citizen."



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**“I’m America. I’m the part
you won’t recognize.”
-Muhammad Ali**

**“The revolution has
always been in the
hands of the young.”
-Huey P. Newton**

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