

**Title of Session:** LOC Learning Page Chat - Civil Rights

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**LeniD:** Shall we talk about Civil Rights?

**MichaelH:** Yep

**BJB2** knows that Leni always has a lot of information to share

**MichaelH:** shall I go ahead and introduce you?

**MichaelH:** and the session

**LeniD:** I really have a GREAT deal tonight, so we had better get started!

**LeniD:** Please, Michael.

**MichaelH:** Ok

**BJB2:** Mark, do you know how to detach your chat window?

**MichaelH:** Hi, everyone,

**MichaelH:** Welcome to tonight's Learning Page Chat

**MarkAH** settles into his role as audience .....with a detached chat window

**MichaelH:** Leni has a lot of great resources and lesson ideas to share tonight on the subject of Civil Rights

**MichaelH:** and of course, it is appropriate since we just celebrated the MLK holiday

**MichaelH:** First, though,

**MichaelH:** let's introduce ourselves to each other

**MichaelH** looks to see who would like to say "hey"

**DavidWe** joined the room.

**BJB2** waves hi. I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and great fan of Leni's sessions.

**LeniD:** Welcome, David

**DavidWe:** Thanks, Leni. Hi

**MarkAH:** I'm a Research Associate at the University of Oregon; we're doing a project with American History Teachers

**LeniD:** Mark, do you have a Teaching American History Grant?

**MarkAH** nods

**MichaelH** is a technology facilitator in southwestern Indiana

**DavidWe** . o O ( technology facilitator? )

**MichaelH:** yep, have been for about two years

**LeniD:** and I'm the coordinator of the Learning Page project, as well as a very active member of our ed outreach team.

**LeniD:** Mark...we have worked with a number of grant consortiums...as partners and presenting programs at the Library. Let me know if we can be of help to your group!

**MarkAH:** We certainly will

**LeniD:** Good

**LeniD:** Sooooo.....

**MichaelH:** ready, Leni?

**LeniD:** Yep

**MichaelH** gives Leni the floor

**LeniD:** Learning about the "Civil Rights"...

**LeniD:** once meant understanding the struggle of African Americans to obtain equal rights and equal opportunities in the United States.

**LeniD:** When you teach about "civil rights" today...

**LeniD:** is this still what is being discussed, or are we talking about a much broader issue?

**MichaelH:** Leni, I think the groups we consider "fighting" for civil rights have changed, not the struggle itself

**LeniD:** Yes, I suspect this is true...

**BJB2:** I think we're still talking about equal rights and equal opportunities, but the cultural groups have expanded

**MichaelH:** When we were growing up, Civil Rights meant African Americans

**LeniD:** but I was also wondering in this post 9/11 world about whether the US view of civil rights has changed.

**MichaelH:** oh, absolutely

**MichaelH:** To me (ok, this is the government teacher in me talking), with the Patriot Act, we all have to concern ourselves with civil rights

**LeniD:** Do you talk with students about such issues? Does your curriculum allow it?

**LeniD:** I was thinking that as well Michael.

**LeniD:** I guess we don't have history/government teachers here tonight. I'm truly curious about what is being "taught" and discussed about such issues with students today.

**MichaelH:** Leni, I think the focus is changing...

**MarkAH:** . o O ( .... world rights..... )

**MichaelH:** to African Americans, but also Hispanic, handicapped, gays

**MichaelH:** at least in our textbook

**LeniD:** World rights at the University level, Mark. Does it trickle down to high school and below, I wonder?

**LeniD:** I'm glad to hear that textbooks are reflecting current thinking :->

**MichaelH:** it's been a little while for me, Leni, but it's still there

**LeniD:** Well..I'll ruminate in private, so I can show you the promised resources from the Library.

**LeniD:** We have some excellent online exhibitions that offer both context and primary source documents to use with your students...

**LeniD:** “With an Even hand”: Brown v. Board at Fifty

**LeniD:** <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/brown/>

**LeniD:** The African-American Mosaic

**LeniD:** <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/african/intro.html>

**LeniD:** American Treasures - Civil Rights

**LeniD:** <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/tr22a.html#civilrights>

**LeniD:** From Abolition to Equal Rights (John Bull and Uncle Sam - Four Centuries of British-American Relations)

**LeniD:** <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/british/brit-4.html>

**LeniD:** These special presentations from the American Memory collections are not to be missed...

**LeniD:** African American History and Culture (don't miss the “Selected items” list!)

**LeniD:** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/mcchtml/afrhm.html>

**LeniD:** African-American Odyssey: A Quest for Full Citizenship

**LeniD:** <http://leweb2.loc.gov/ammem/aahtml/exhibit/aointro.html>

**DavidWe** wonders if Leni saw the most recent film about Jack Johnson that Michael told him about

**MichaelH** watched it

**DavidWe** . o O ( by Ken Burns )

**DavidWe** did too

**LeniD:** I didn't, David. Was it good?

**LeniD:** Voices from the Days of Slavery

**MichaelH:** Leni, Samuel L. Jackson was the voice of Jack Johnson

**LeniD:** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/vfshtml/vfshome.html>

**LeniD:** Ahhh...then it was probably very good.

**ChantaratP** joined the room.

**MarkAH:** I saw this, but thought that some things were left somewhat mysterious....

**MichaelH** waves to Chantara

**LeniD:** Hmm...sounds like a mixed review, Mark.

**ChantaratP:** Hi Michael and everyone

**MarkAH:** ... to the end of his life Jackson seemed to always have money.... he died driving one of "his fast cars"

**DavidWe** waves to Chantarat

**LeniD:** Welcome, Chantarat.

**MarkAH:** It was very good... there just isn't time to tell everything of course

**DavidWe** agrees with Mark

**LeniD:** I see...thanks

**LeniD:** Faces and Voices from the Presentation

**LeniD:** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/vfshtml/vfssp.html>

**LeniD:** You can find webliographies and bibliographies such as these...

**MarkAH** listens to one of the recordings from this site... Fountain Hughes

**LeniD:** They are wonderful, Mark. They are one of our more recent publications.

**LeniD:** African American Sites in the Digital Collections

**LeniD:** <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/afam/afam-home.html>

**MarkAH:** Multi-media resources like this have a huge impact with students

**DavidWe** agrees

**LeniD:** Yes, I know. They are a multi-media generation...but seeing and hearing has huge impact on learners of all ages.

**LeniD:** Brown v. Board of Education Webliography

**LeniD:** <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/afam/afam-brown.html>

**DavidWe:** There's a rich resource

**LeniD:** Most definitely!

**MichaelH:** Chantarat, Brown vs. Board is an important court case that said that schools could not be separated by black and white students...

**LeniD:** If you are looking for images to introduce or reinforce lessons...

**LeniD:** the Library's Prints and Photographs Division offers..

**LeniD:** Sources for Images on African American History

**LeniD:** [http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/resource/063\\_afr.html](http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/resource/063_afr.html)

**JeffC** joined the room.

**LeniD:** You may not know about this collaboration...

**LeniD:** Hi Jeff!

**ChantaratP:** Yes, I agree but there are more misunderstand and practice, particularly in the difference culture like , China, and south east Asia ,

**JeffC** waves

**LeniD:** the Library and other organizations are collecting and preserving thousands of personal stories...

**DavidWe** waves to Jeff

**LeniD:** oral histories, photographs, and personal artifacts documenting the Civil Rights Movement in America...

**LeniD:** Voices of Civil Rights

**LeniD:** <http://www.voicesofcivilrights.org/>

**LeniD:** Chantarat...such problems exist in many places, don't they?

**LeniD:** The Library offers many in-house lectures and programs...

**LeniD:** many of which are subsequently offered online as streaming video cybercasts...

**ChantaratP:** Sorry for me the terms Civil Right is new indeed, it is suppose be difference definition, is it ?

**LeniD:** W. Ralph Eubanks Discusses Memoir

**LeniD:** <http://www.loc.gov/locvideo/eubanks/>

**MichaelH:** Chantarat, we basically would describe this as a fight for equal opportunity and equal standing in society

**LeniD:** Langston Hughes and His Poetry

**LeniD:** <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/journey/hughes.html>

**DavidWe:** If I can add to Michael's comment...at a time when there were laws that required different people to use different public facilities

**MichaelH:** traditionally, this would be seen as a fight for African Americans, but, today we would also look at women, those who are Hispanic, native American, homosexual, and so on...

**ChantaratP:** can it be compare with Gender disparity, as UNESCO declaration in Dakka ?

**DavidWe:** Yes, I think we can, Chantarat

**LeniD:** I agree, David and Michael. We were discussing what "civil rights" means today, earlier.

**DavidWe:** Leni, do you know, off the top of your head, a web site about the Japanese internment during WWII (Executive Order 9066)?

**LeniD:** I'll just keep putting up links :->

**DavidWe** smiles

**LeniD:** David, the Japanese American section of the Learning Page feature presentation on Immigration discusses such content. We also have a lesson on Japanese Internment.

**ChantaratP:** so that I used to work with UNESCO , BKK , and to implement this concept to school in Thailand, but there is some mis understand and practice and I mention earlier

**SusanR** joined the room.

**MichaelH:** well, Chantarat, the issue of Gender equality is a major one in this country as well

**LeniD:** Historians Discuss Images of Early African American Life

**MichaelH** waves to Sue

**LeniD:** [http://www.loc.gov/locvideo/lewis\\_willis/](http://www.loc.gov/locvideo/lewis_willis/)

**LeniD:** Welcome Susan

**ChantaratP:** hi Susan

**LeniD:** From the Learning Page...

**DavidWe:** I'm impressed, Leni. You and your colleagues at LOC have really been doing some work

**LeniD:** Ethnic and Multicultural History (a collection of carefully selected links to resources outside of the Library)

**LeniD:** We do work with such wonderful content...it's a work of great love.

**LeniD:** <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/learn/start/inres/ushist/ethnic.html>

**LeniD:** From Slavery to Civil Rights (an interactive timeline)

**LeniD:** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/civilrights/flash.html>

**LeniD:** And one some of you saw recently, when we discussed political cartoons...

**LeniD:** It's No Laughing Matter

**LeniD:** [http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/political\\_cartoon/index.html](http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/political_cartoon/index.html)

**DavidWe** smiles

**DavidWe** claps

**DavidWe** likes cartoons

**LeniD:** I'm glad you like that, David. We have had some very good feedback about this activity

**LeniD:** If you are looking for lesson plans to use with your students...

**LeniD:** For middle school to high school...

**LeniD:** To Kill a Mockingbird

**LeniD:** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/98/mock/intro.html>

**DavidWe:** My niece, Justine, is here and she is reading "To Kill A Mockingbird" right now in 8th grade

**LeniD:** And for high school students...

**LeniD:** After Reconstruction

**LeniD:** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/rec/rhome.html>

**LeniD:** From Jim Crow to Linda Brown

**LeniD:** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/97/crow/crowhome.html>

**LeniD:** Jackie Steals Home

**LeniD:** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/98/robinson/intro.html>

**LeniD:** Rounding the Bases

**LeniD:** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/00/base/index.html>

**LeniD:** Maybe she can tell her teacher about this lesson, David.

**LeniD:** Two Unreconciled Strivings

**LeniD:** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/98/two/index.html>

**LeniD:** Most of what I've shown thus far is for teachers to use with their students or for their own edification. Would you like to see resources that you can send students to on their own?

**MarkAH** nods

**SusanR** nods as well

**LeniD:** From America's Library...

**SusanR** . o O ( just finished watching Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson on PBS )

**GailP** joined the room.

**LeniD**: Susan, we were talking about that earlier.

**LeniD**: Hi Gail

**GailP**: Finally got here!

**LeniD**: Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King Jr. Was Born

**LeniD**: [http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jb/wwii/king\\_1](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jb/wwii/king_1)

**LeniD**: John Brown Took Harpers Ferry Hostage

**LeniD**: [http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jb/reform/brown\\_1](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jb/reform/brown_1)

**LeniD**: Frederick Douglass

**LeniD**: <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/douglass>

**LeniD**: Harriet Tubman

**LeniD**: <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/tubman>

**LeniD**: Langston Hughes

**LeniD**: <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/writers/hughes>

**LeniD**: And...folks our time is just about up. Sorry!

**MichaelH**: Does anyone have any last second questions for Leni?

**LeniD**: You can find all of these resources and more in your transcripts and in the Learning Page Community Center on Civil Rights...

**GailP**: Leni - Did you have a chance to show the Voices of Civil Rights project?

**MichaelH**: Next chat, Leni?

**MarkAH**: These are wonderful resources... thanks ever so much

**LeniD**: <http://lweb2.loc.gov/learn/community/index.html>

**LeniD**: You are welcome!

**GailP**: If not, here is the url: <http://www.voicesofcivilrights.org/>

**MarkAH:** I have been screen shooting so I can pass them and this transcript along to our planning group

**LeniD:** Join us next month for a discussion of the Civil War...

**MichaelH:** can't wait for that one

**LeniD:** February 17. 2005

**LeniD:** 8:00 P.M. ET

**LeniD:** Mark, drop me a line if you want to talk about support for your grant.

**MarkAH:** I will do that... your email?

**LeniD:** I've got another chat in the wings...must leave...

**ChantaratP:** Thanks Leni your discussion is very good, indeed,

**MarkAH:** Thanks

**MarkAH:** And thanks to Bj and Michael

**MichaelH:** Glad you could join us Mark

**LeniD:** You are all welcome. Good night!

**SusanR:** Thanks for the outstanding resources