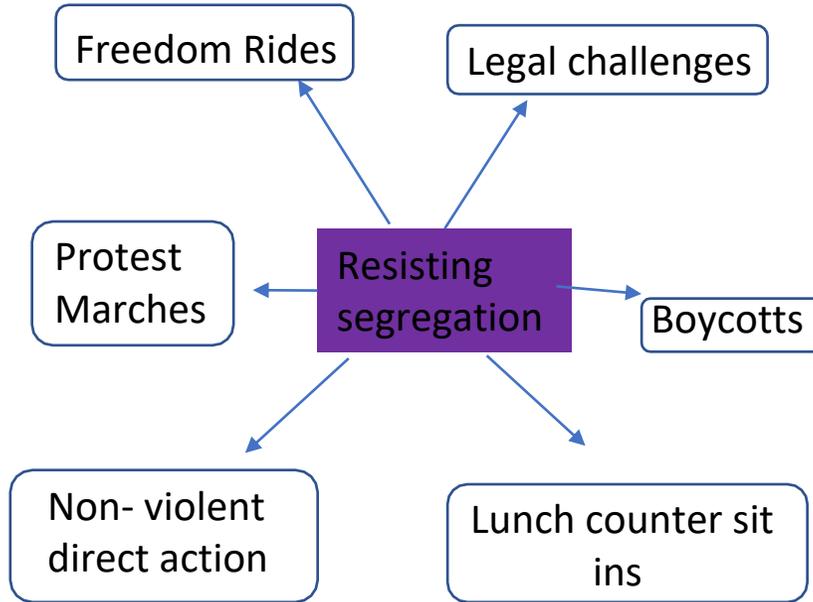


Key Figures



Martin Luther King Jr

Baptist minister and civil rights leader and leader of the SCLC One of the leaders of the Montgomery Bus Boycott and organiser of the Freedom March on Birmingham and known for the I Have a Dream speech during the March on Washington Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 Assassinated in 1968



James Farmer



Leader of CORE and advocate of non-violent direct action Key organiser of the Lunch Counter Sit-ins and the Freedom Rides

John Lewis

Involved in the Lunch Counter Sit-ins and Freedom Rides Leader of the SNCC and key organiser of the Freedom Marches – leader of the Selma March Became a congressman in the United States government



Rosa Parks



Civil Rights activist and member of the NAACP known for her part in the Montgomery Bus Boycott

Key terms and concepts

Activist: A person who campaign to bring about social or political change.

Civil Rights: the rights of citizens to political and social freedom and equality.

Jim Crow Laws: A collection of local and state laws designed to deny Black Americans the right to vote, hold jobs, get an education or other opportunities.

Segregation: the enforced separation of different racial groups in a country, community, or location.

Desegregation: Ending segregation – facilities to be open to people of all races.

Militant: confrontational or violent methods in support of a political or social cause.

Separate but Equal: The political policy that there should be separate areas and facilities for people of different races but that the separate areas would be of equal quality.

Key dates

1865 Slavery abolished

1892-6 Plessy v. Ferguson court case

1920s period of growth of KKK

1954 Brown v Board of Education of Topeka

1955 Montgomery bus boycott

1957 Little Rock Arkansas

1960 Lunch counter sit-ins start

1961 CORE and Freedom Rides

1963 Birmingham and Washington Civil Rights Marches and Rallies

1964 The Civil Rights Act