Today is our final session discussing different Civil Rights Movements. We will explore what they have in common.
Our Common History: Fighting for the Rights of People

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African American
Civil Rights Movement

LGBTQ+
Civil Rights Movement

Self-Advocacy
Civil Rights Movement
Discussions and Intersections

African Americans, LGBTQ people, and people with disabilities were denied basic rights. All three movements worked to fight unfair and unequal treatment. They worked on segregation in schools, the military and institutions.
Discussions and Intersections

These movements happened at different times and places. They were all active in the 20th Century. They are all active today.
Discussions and Intersections

Leaders of all three movements went to workshops at the Highlander Education Center. This helped them understand how to speak truth to power. Speaking truth to power means they would tell officials how wrong laws that discriminate were.
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Name calling was an issue across the groups each worked on. Each of the groups work against negative name-calling. This helps them fight the oppression of marginalized groups.
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Members of each group fight discrimination. LGBTQ people with disabilities who are not white deal with more discrimination.
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All three movements will continue to work on changing attitudes about their group's members. These movements have started to work together to solve problems.
Discussions and Intersections

Joining together gives these groups strength in numbers. It helps all advocates have a louder voice and make everyone's lives better.
1. What did you learn from our sessions about the different Civil Rights Movements?

2. How can we help each other?
Identity - what does that mean?

People have lots of different parts of who they are. Race, gender, religion and more are all part of a person.

For example, Tiffany has an intellectual disability. She is also a gay, Hispanic woman who lives in a small town. Tiffany is all these things at the same time.
Intersectionality! What does that mean?

It is about all the different ways a person experiences discrimination. So, for Tiffany she might face discrimination because she:

- Has a disability
- Is Hispanic
- Is gay
- Is a woman
- Lives in a small town
Intersectionality! What does that mean?

Tiffany has autism. She grew up being identified as “disabled”.

Her experiences of dealing with unfair treatment because she has a disability and is Hispanic prepared her for coming out as LGBTQ.
Intersectionality! What does that mean?

When Tiffany is with her self-advocacy group they only see and talk about her having a disability.

They may not be aware of the unfair treatment she gets because she is gay and Hispanic and a woman.
Intersectionality! What does that mean?

When people do not talk about all the discrimination she faces, she feels like they do not really know her.

And when people ignore her experiences as being Hispanic and gay, it feels like she is being put down and left out.