

## **Civil Rights Movement**

Civil Rights Movement pre-activity questions:

1. What do you think the Civil Rights movement looked like in Omaha Nebraska?
2. What Civil Rights groups do you think could be found in Omaha?
3. When do you think the Civil Rights movement started in Omaha? Who do you think became active participants in the movement?

Activity:

1. Make sets of 4 different primary sources on the Civil Rights Movements.
2. Students should get into group of 3 or 4
3. Each group should get a collection of the primary sources on the Civil Rights Movement.
4. Their task it to name the topic all the newspapers represent and make a list of 3 clues in each that led them to their decision.
5. After groups have had time to look at each primary source and try to decide what the topic is – tell students what it is – The Civil Rights Movement.
6. Then go through one document with them and point out 3 clues.
7. Have the class do the second primary source.
8. Have groups do the last two.
9. Then have students independently summarize what the event was & describe how it affected Omaha based on the primary sources and the clues they listed.
10. Students could then compare this to the National Civil Rights Movement.

## 2 Men Picket Joslyn Castle

### Teacher-Hiring Policy Subject of Protest

Two pickets Monday evening demonstrated against public school employment policies.

Only school employee to witness the protest was a relief custodian, Max Jewell. He saw the pickets when he came to close the gates at school headquarters at Joslyn Castle.

#### Walk 45 Minutes

Wilbur Phillips, president of the De Porres Club, and Arthur Age, 2607 Binney Street, walked in front of the building for about 45 minutes.

They carried placards charging racial discrimination in hiring and placing teachers.

The picketing originally was planned to coincide with a School Board meeting but the board had canceled Monday night's session.

#### No Further Action

Four women also were busy during the picketing. They gave passing motorists handbills that began: "Little Rock? —No, Omaha."

One woman drove around the block about 10 times, halting for one of the handbills each time.

Mr. Phillips said the De Porres Club doesn't plan further action until after a meeting with the "other civic organizations interested in the problem."





