

Vocabulary Bingo for *The Watsons Go to Birmingham — 1963*

Instructions: Create your own bingo card by writing one word from the vocabulary list in every square. Listen as your teacher reads the definitions. If the definition the teacher reads is the definition of one of the words on your bingo card then you should cover that square with a provided marker (e.g.: beans, small candies, etc.). When you have covered four squares in a row either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, then shout “Bingo!” and you are the winner.

Vocabulary List

equality

carp

Martin Luther King, Jr.

hero

NAACP

First Street Baptist Church

boycott

civil rights movement

prejudice

Rosa Parks

bullying

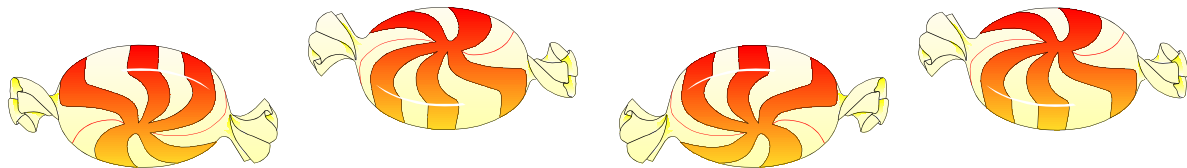
African American

protest

Declaration of Independence

resistance

		FREE SPACE		



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Purpose of the strategy:

Vocabulary bingo is an effective way to learn vocabulary specific to a given text, in this case *The Watsons Got to Birmingham — 1963*.

Directions:

1. Present a sample of bingo cards to your students. Explain the premise behind Vocabulary Bingo and allow students time to study the vocabulary words.
2. Give the students time to create their own individual bingo cards by writing one of the words from the vocabulary list on each square. After they have finished, read the definitions for the terms aloud and have the students cover the terms that they believe match your definition.
3. The object of the game is to cover a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal row. The first person to do this is the winner.
4. Check the winner by rereading the definitions used. This step reinforces the definitions of the words and allows students an opportunity to ask any questions they might have.

Vocabulary List:

equality:	evenly balanced; the same in magnitude, quantity, degree, worth, etc.
First Street Baptist Church:	Site of bombing during the civil rights movement. The bombing took place in Birmingham on September 15, 1963.
bullying:	tormenting those smaller or weaker
carp:	a type of freshwater fish
boycott:	to combine with others to abstain from buying, using, patronizing, etc.
African American:	American blacks
Martin Luther King, Jr.:	a prominent leader in the civil rights movement
civil rights movement:	movement to end segregation and discrimination
protest:	formally object to
hero:	a person admired for courage, fortitude, prowess, nobility, etc.
prejudice:	an opinion, often unfavorable, formed without adequate reasons; bias
Declaration of Independence:	nationally historical document stating that all men are created equal
NAACP:	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Rosa Parks:	prominent women in the civil rights movement; most famous for refusing to give up her seat to a white person on a bus
resistance:	the act or power of resisting



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