

Teacher Notes

1. Read the first article and have kids answer the questions.
2. Read the second article and have kids answer the questions.
3. Using chart paper, have students re-read the text to make a timeline of both men's lives.
4. Write a paragraph about how similar the two men were.
 - a. Go back in the text with a highlighter and highlight everything that discusses the man's goals.
 - b. Go back and circle the DATES to connect how those important dates connect to their goals.

Harry T. Moore.

A Civil Rights Leader

Personal Life and Motivation

Harry T. Moore was born on November 18, 1905, in Florida. He loved to read and learn, and he became a teacher when he grew up. Harry saw that some people were not treated fairly. He wanted to find a solution. He knew that everyone should be treated fairly and equally. Like Martin Luther King, Jr., Harry worked very hard to make sure everyone was treated equally.

Accomplishments in Life

Harry T. Moore did many important things in his life. First, he helped some people in Florida to register to vote. Second, he started the first branch of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) in Florida. The NAACP works to solve problems like unfair laws, voter registration, job discrimination. Harry helped develop better schools for all children. People began to recognize how hard he worked for civil rights.

Sad Ending

The trouble is that some racists also saw the work he was doing and they did not like it. These racists did not believe that all children should be given the same opportunities. They thought some children learned better without other types of children present. Ridiculous, right? We all learn better when we are all together. Because of the work Harry T. Moore was doing, and because he was so successful at helping, the racists got more and more mad. They decided to kill Harry T. Moore.

On Christmas night in 1951, a bomb exploded in his house. Harry and his wife, Harriette, were both hurt very badly. They both died because of their injuries. Many people were very sad and angry about what happened. The death of Harry T. Moore and his wife fueled more and more people to fight for civil rights. Sure, his murder scared some people, but in the most part, Harry's courage in the face of such violent racists made the spines of others stiffen, make the resolve of others much stronger, make people like Martin Luther King, Junior fight even harder.

1. *What did Harry T. Moore accomplish in his life?*
2. *What is the main emotion of the article?*
3. *What is the main problem in the article?*
4. *What is the solution to the problem?*

Cool Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CywiCSgjWoI>

Thurgood Marshall

A Civil Rights Leader

The Civil Rights Movement was a time in American history when people fought to end unfair treatment of people, especially African-Americans. This movement lasted from the 1950s to the 1960s. There was a lot of violence during this time. However, in the end, big victories were won. For example, segregation ended in public schools and public places. All races were allowed to go to the same schools and be in the same classrooms. Leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led peaceful marches. Rosa Parks was another leader: She refused to give up her bus seat, and thus helped end racial segregation on public transportation. They both became symbols of courage. Another important leader was Harry T. Moore. He helped Black people register to vote. (Although it was already legal for all races to vote, people of dark skin were intimidated, threatened and even physically hurt whenever they tried to vote or even register to vote. It was a very scary time in our country. Harry T. Moore knew things would never really change unless *everyone* could vote. Because of Civil Rights leaders, the United States is a much fairer place than it was.

Thurgood Marshall was another important leader during this time. He started his career as a lawyer and became the first Black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. Marshall believed in the power of education to create equality. He knew that if one portion of the country was uneducated, they would never be equal citizens. The true path to equality is education. Thurgood Marshall worked hard to end segregation in schools, most famously in the *Brown v. Board of Education* case in 1954.. When segregation was ending, many racists only wanted teachers to be “White.” They recoiled in horror thinking that a Black teacher would teach “white” kids! Today, we know that thinking is ridiculous. Thurgood Marshall supported Black teachers, fighting for their rights to earn fair pay and keep their jobs during school integration. He retired in 1991.

Thurgood Marshall and Harry T. Moore were two fighters who knew the importance of education. They both shared a passion for justice.

5. *How are Thurgood Marshall and Harry T. Moore the same?*
6. *Who had more impact on the civil rights movement?*
7. *In your opinion, why don't elementary schools typically teach about Harry T. Moore or Thurgood Marshall?*

Two Leaders

Name: _____

Directions: Explain how both Harry T. Moore and Thurgood Marshall believed in the power of education and justice. What were their goals, and how did they work toward them?

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One way they were similar is that both Harry T. Moore and Thurgood Marshall believed _____. On one hand, Harry believed that _____ and so did Thurgood believed that _____. Both men thought _____ was important because _____. _____ To show his beliefs, Harry helped _____, while Thurgood fought in court _____. They both believed in _____. _____ Even when it was dangerous, they stood up for what was right. Their work helped make the United States a more equal place.

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One way they were similar is that both Harry T. Moore and Thurgood Marshall believed education was a powerful tool for justice. Harry believed that all children deserve fair and equal schools, and so did Thurgood when he worked on the Brown v. Board of Education case to end school segregation. Both men thought education was important because it gave people the knowledge and confidence they needed to stand up for their rights. Harry helped improve schools in Florida and supported teachers, while Thurgood fought in court to make sure Black teachers were treated fairly. They also both believed in justice and worked to protect the rights of Black citizens. Even when it was dangerous, they stood up for what was right. Their work helped make the United States a more equal place.