

Painful Silence, Blissful Rebellion

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Synopsis

Painful Silence seeks to empower students through self-discovery, and students will explore historical events when silence meant death and civil disobedience meant freedom. The unit examines images that enhance or erode self-concept and methods of creating identity through popular culture media and social institutions. After empowering the student to free themselves from the identities that society creates for them and discovering their own identity, we will explore the Holocaust and the Civil Rights Movement. Through the study of these two events students will examine laws and legal ways people can resist and stage civil disobedience. Students will break free from the labels and stereotypes society hands them and become blissfully rebellious students who seek justice for all mankind. The unit is designed for students in grades 6-12.