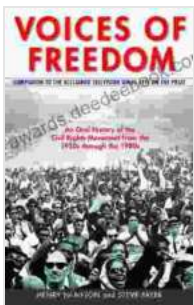


# An Oral History of the Civil Rights Movement From the 1950s Through the 1980s

The Civil Rights Movement was a period of social activism in the United States that aimed to secure the civil rights of African Americans and other marginalized groups. The movement had its origins in the abolitionist movement of the 19th century and continued into the 20th century.

The Civil Rights Movement was a complex and multifaceted phenomenon, with a wide range of participants and goals. Some of the most important leaders of the movement included Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and Rosa Parks. The movement used a variety of tactics to achieve its goals, including nonviolent protests, boycotts, and legal challenges.



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The Civil Rights Movement achieved a number of important victories, including the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights

Act of 1965. These laws outlawed discrimination on the basis of race, sex, or religion and gave African Americans the right to vote. The Civil Rights Movement also led to the desegregation of schools and other public facilities.

However, the Civil Rights Movement also faced a number of challenges. The movement was often met with violence and resistance from white supremacists. In addition, the movement was divided by ideological differences between those who advocated for nonviolent protest and those who advocated for more militant tactics.

Despite these challenges, the Civil Rights Movement was a major force for social change in the United States. The movement helped to bring about a new era of civil rights for African Americans and other marginalized groups.

### **Oral Histories of the Civil Rights Movement**

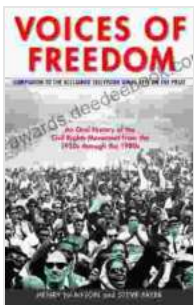
There are a number of oral histories of the Civil Rights Movement that provide firsthand accounts of the events and experiences of the movement. These oral histories are a valuable resource for understanding the movement and its impact.

One of the most important oral histories of the Civil Rights Movement is the "Eyes on the Prize" series, which was produced by the PBS television network. The series features interviews with over 100 participants in the movement, including Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and Malcolm X. The series provides a comprehensive overview of the movement, from its origins in the 1950s to its achievements in the 1960s and 1970s.

Another important oral history of the Civil Rights Movement is the "Freedom Riders" project, which was conducted by the Smithsonian Institution. The project features interviews with over 400 Freedom Riders, who were civil rights activists who rode buses and trains in the South in the early 1960s to challenge segregation.

These oral histories are just a few of the many that have been conducted about the Civil Rights Movement. These histories provide a valuable record of the movement and its impact, and they help to ensure that the movement's legacy will continue to be remembered and celebrated.

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