Fighting For My Rights: June Johnson

*with June Johnson and Nicholas Nchamukong*

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**Warning:** This podcast includes the use of racial epithets quoted in historical context.

**Pre-Listening Questions**

- Is one ever too young to stand up for what they believe in?
- What are the characteristics (e.g., age, sex, names, traits, race) of people you think of as Civil Rights Activists?
- How much do parents influence the stance their children take on social issues?

**Discussion Questions**

- Why might parents have been scared to allow their child to partake in the movement? How do you think your parents would respond if you chose to participate in protests like those described by June Johnson?
- What do you think would have happened if there had not been a spokesperson like Bob Moses heading up an organization? Would the movement have been as successful?
- What specifically in June Johnson’s experience stands out to you? Can you relate to any of her experience?

**Related Resources**—for continued instruction or resources for your students’ research

National Museum of American History:

- Civil Rights Movement Resource Collection from History Explorer
  [http://historyexplorer.si.edu/themes/theme/?key=14](http://historyexplorer.si.edu/themes/theme/?key=14)

**Related Standards for U.S. History (National Center for History in the Schools)**

- Era 9: Postwar United States (1945 to early 1970s)
  - Standard 4: The struggle for racial and gender equality and the extension of civil liberties

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Date:  
Period:  

Topic:  

Pre-listening vocabulary—define these words:  

Bob Moses:  

Fannie Lou Hamer:  

White Citizens’ Council:  

Pre-listening (leave space after your questions to answer them as you listen):  

What basic understanding questions do you have about this topic?  

What thought questions do you have about this topic?  

Post-listening:  

What new thought questions do you have?  

Of all your thought questions, which few are especially important to the topic? Why?  

Which is the most important thought question? Why?  

What steps would you take to find the answer to the most important thought question?  

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