Feminism: Comparison of African-American Women Role in the Civil Rights Movement and the Feminist Movement

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Focus/Summary:

The purpose of this lesson is for students to learn about the role of African-American women’s role in the Civil Rights Movement and Feminist Movement. Students will also compare African-American women’s role in both movements; and discuss how their roles changed from Civil Rights to Feminist.

Vital Themes:

Students will look at African-American women’s role in both movements. Identify how those roles changed and why the roles changed.

Objectives:

Students will be able to analyze documents describing African-American women roles with the movements. Students will identify the roles, how the roles changed between movements and discuss why those changes occurred.

Procedures:

Opening the lesson –

1. I will lecture students using primary source documents on African women roles in both movements.
2. Students will identify African-American women roles within the two movements.
3. Students will be given a copy of a primary source document. (see attachment A)

Second lesson –

1. Students will review primary and secondary source documents.
2. Students will compare the roles of African-American women within the two movements.
3. Students will identify how those roles changed from the Civil Rights Movement to the Feminist Movement.
4. Students will identify why those roles changed.
Concluding the lesson –

1. Students will be required to write a (4) page paper comparing African-American women roles in the movements; how and why their roles changed.
2. Students will have a discussion on how and why the changes in roles occurred within the two movements.

Assessing student learning –

Students will be assessed on analyzing documents and identifying differences. Students will also be assessed on identifying reasons why the roles changed.
Attachment A

Primary Source Documents;

1. Angela Davis

http://socialjustice.ccnmtl.columbia.edu/index.php/Davis_and_feminism

2. Elonore Norton Holmes

http://www.dcbar.org/for_lawyers/resources/legends_in_the_law/norton.cfm