

Achieving Civil Rights, 1960–1965 ^[1]

Following Martin Luther King’s model of nonviolent protest, civil rights activists held sit-ins, boycotts, marches, and demonstrations throughout the 1960s. The process of breaking down Jim Crow was not easy. But by 1965, federal civil rights legislation guaranteed equal access to public accommodations and the polls. In this chapter we’ll read stories of protest and change from North Carolina and across the South.

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