



1960s Social Protest Movement – A Sit In

1960s Protest

The 1960s were a time of social and political protest. Young (and not-so young) people protested against war, environmental pollution, as well as human and civil rights. We are going to conduct our own 1960s-style protest!

The Task:

1. The class will be divided into three groups. Each group will choose a community that was unjustly treated in the 1950s and 1960s (see list below).

Suggested topics:

Communities:	Women	Aboriginal Canadians	Visible Minorities
Issues:	equal pay birth control maternity leave job barriers	right to vote land claims residential schools status rights	civil rights housing issues school issues employment issues

2. Each group will organize a protest to inform the people of Canada of the specific issues facing your chosen community. Your protest should include posters, signs, banners, pamphlets, songs, speeches, slogans, etc.

3. Each person must be dressed in 1960s style (e.g. long hair, bell bottoms, sandals, etc.).
4. On _____ we will march from the classroom through the school to the front doors in order to have our message heard. At the front doors, we will conduct a sit-in where speeches and songs will be shared.

Assessment:

Learning Goal: Students will raise awareness of a human rights issue in Canada in the 1950s and 1960s.

Name: _____

Self Peer

Success Criteria	Met	Not Met	Descriptive Feedback
			Strengths:
			Areas to Improve:
			Next Steps: