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PARTIAL LIST OF HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES AND DEFENDERS

- [Abernathy, Ralph](#) (1926-1990) clergyman, activist, [Southern Christian Leadership Conference](#) (SCLC) official
- [Abzug, Bella](#) (1920-1998) social activist, a leader in the women's movement, lawyer
- [Alexander, Michelle](#) (1968) civil rights advocate, law professor, historian, writer
- [Anthony, Susan B.](#) (1820-1906) women's suffrage/voting rights leader
- [Baker, Ella](#) (1903-1986) civil rights and human rights activist
- [Bates, Daisy](#) (1914-1999) civil rights activist, publisher, writer
- [Beal, Dana](#) (1947-) pro-hemp leader, activist, organizer, author
- [Bevel, James](#) (1936-2008) SCLC's main strategist, organizer, and Direct Action leader
- [Bridges, Ruby](#) (1954) first African-American child to attend an all-white public elementary school in the American South, civil rights activist
- [Bond, Julian](#) (1940-) activist, politician, scholar, lawyer, NAACP chairman
- [Brown, John](#) (1800-1859) led slave revolt
- [Burns, Lucy](#) (1879-1966) women's suffrage/voting rights leader
- [Carmichael, Stokely](#) (1941-1998) civil rights activist
- [Chavez, Cesar](#) (1927-1993) Chicano activist, organizer, trade unionist
- [Chisholm, Shirley](#) (1924-2005) politician, educator, author
- [Colvin, Claudette](#) (1939-) pioneer student and independent activist
- [Cooke, Marvel](#) (1903-2000), journalist, writer, trade unionist, civil rights activist^[1]
- [Cotton, Dorothy](#) (1930-) SCLC activist and leader
- [Cuney, Norris Wright](#) (1846–1898), Texas politician and leader of the [Texas Republican Party](#)
- [Du Bois, W. E. B.](#) (1868-1963), writer, scholar, founder of NAACP
- [Evers, Charles](#) (1922-) civil rights activist
- [Evers, Medgar](#) (1925-1963) NAACP official
- [Farmer, James](#) (1920-1999) CORE leader and activist
- [Forman, James](#) (1928-2005) SNCC official and activist
- [Foster, Marie](#) (1917-2003) activist, local leader in Selma Movement
- [Friedan, Betty](#) (1921-2006) writer, activist, feminist
- [Gandhi, Mahatma](#) (1869-1948) peace activist, lawyer
- [Hall, Prathia](#) (1940-2002) SNCC activist, civil rights movement speaker
- [Hamer, Fannie Lou](#) (1917-1977) activist in Mississippi movements
- [Hayes, Randy](#), Founder of Rainforest Action Network
- [Hendricks, Lola](#) (1932-) activist, local leader in Birmingham Campaign
- [Herer, Jack](#) (1939-) pro-hemp activist, organizer, author
- [Hernandez, Aileen](#) (1926) organizer and activist
- [Hill, Robert](#) (1892-?) African American sharecropper, founder of the Progressive Farmers and Household Union of America.
- [Hobson, Julius Wilson](#) (1919-1977) organizer, agitator, researcher, plaintiff
- [Horne, Lena](#) (1917-2010)
- [Horton, Myles](#) (1905-1990) teacher of nonviolence, pioneer activist
- [Howard, T.R.M.](#) (1908-1976) civil rights leader
- [Huerta, Dolores C](#) (1930)
- [Hunter, John](#) (1954) educator, world peace game inventor, musician
- [Jackson, Jesse](#) (1941-) clergyman, activist, politician
- [Johns, Barbara Rose](#) (1935-1991) civil rights activist
- [Jones, Van](#) (1968) civil rights lawyer

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- [Jordan, June](#) (1936-2002), writer, poet, civil rights activist, feminist
- [Keys, Sarah Louise](#)
- [King, Coretta Scott](#) (1927-2006)
- [King Jr., Martin Luther](#) (1929-1968) clergyman, SCLC co-founder and president, activist
- [Lawson, James](#) (1928-) teacher of nonviolence, activist
- [Lafayette, Bernard](#) (1940-) SCLC and SNCC activist and organizer
- [Lewis, John](#) (1940-) Civil Rights activist and U.S. Congressman
- [Lincoln, Abraham](#) (1809-1865), 16th [President of the United States](#), promulgated [Emancipation Proclamation](#)
- [Lowery, Joseph](#) (1921-) SCLC leader, activist
- [Luper, Clara](#) (1923-) Sit-in movement leader, activist
- [Mandela, Nelson](#)
- [Marshall, Thurgood](#) (1908-1993)
- [Meredith, James](#) (1933-) independent student leader and self-starting activist
- [Milk, Harvey](#) (1930-1978) politician, gay rights activist
- [Morgan, Irene](#) (1917-2007)
- [Moses, Robert](#) "Bob" (1935-) leader, activist, and organizer
- [Nash, Diane](#) (1938-) SNCC and SCLC activist and organizer
- [Nixon, Edgar](#) (1899-1987)
- [Orange, James](#) (1942-2008) SCLC activist and organizer, trade unionist
- [Parks, Rosa](#) (1913-2005) NAACP official, activist
- [Paterson, Eva](#) () civil rights lawyer
- [Paul, Alice](#) (1885-1977) women's suffrage/voting rights leader
- [Randolph, A. Philip](#) (1889-1979) [socialist](#), labor leader
- [Robinson, Amelia Boynton](#) (1911-) voting rights activist
- [Rustin, Bayard](#) (1912-1987), civil rights activist
- [Seeger, Pete](#) (1919-) musician
- [Sharpton, Al](#) (1954-) clergyman, activist
- [Sherrod, Charles](#) civil rights activist, SNCC leader
- [Shuttlesworth, Fred](#) (1922-) clergyman, activist
- [Smith, Samantha Reed](#) (1972-1985) grade school student, peace activist
- [Stanton, Elizabeth Cady](#) (1815-1902) women's suffrage/voting rights leader
- [Simon, Lateefah](#) (1977) activist for at-risk youth and young women
- [Steinem, Gloria](#) (1934-) writer, activist, feminist
- [Tenayuca, Emma](#) (1916-1999) organizer
- [Stone, Lucy](#) (1818-1893) women's suffrage/voting rights leader
- [Vivian, C.T.](#) (1924-) student leader, SNCC activist
- [Tubman, Harriet](#) (1820 or 1821- 1913)
- [Walker, Wyatt Tee](#), clergyman, activist: NAACP and CORE in Virginia, Executive Dictator, [SCLC](#) (1960-1964)
- [Wells, Ida B.](#) (1862-1931) journalist, women's suffrage/voting rights activist
- [White, Walter Francis](#) (1895-1955) [NAACP](#) executive secretary
- [Wilkins, Roy](#) (1901-1981), [NAACP](#) executive secretary/executive director
- [Willard, Frances](#) 1839-1898) women's rights, suffrage/voting rights leader
- [Williams, Robert F.](#)(1925-1996), organizer
- [X, Malcolm](#) (1925-1965), author, activist

- [Young, Andrew \(Andy\) Jr.](#) (1932-) clergyman, [SCLC](#) activist and executive director.

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- [Young, Whitney M., Jr.](#) (1921-1971), Executive Director of [National Urban League](#); advisor to Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon
- [Zinn, Howard](#) (1922-2010) American academic historian, author, social activist.

REFERENCES FOR UNIVERSE OF OBLIGATION

Classroom Video: Introducing the “Universe of Obligation” (High School):

<http://www.learner.org/series/cowl/pre-reading/highschool.html?pop=yes&pid=2222#>

Resource for teaching the book “Teaching the Children of Willesden Lane”:

Ms. Derstine’s World History Class

Tuesday, 02/27/07: Identity and Community “**The Universe of Obligation**”

<http://msderstinesworldhistory.wordpress.com/2007/02/27/tuesday-022707-identity-and-community/>