Activity 8: the 5Ws

Dig deeply into an image using 5 key questions

This activity enables the students to dig deeply into Civil Rights Photography. This can be done using their own image if you have also done the "Choose Your Own Photo" activity, or using an image from the image pack. Split the class into pairs or groups of 3 to 4 and provide A3 paper and markers. The students should consider for their own photos and each other's - Who? What? When? Where? Why? There are several variations of these questions which can be used – here are some examples:

- Who is in the photo? Who was the photographer? Who is its intended audience?
- What does it show? What happened before and after the photo was taken?
- When was it taken?
- Where was it taken? Where might it have been published?
- Why was this photograph taken?

Students should then present their 5Ws answers back to the group.

You may wish to use the 5Ws graphic organiser to help with this activity.





