

If I could choose any part in American History to be a part of, I would choose the Civil Rights Movement. During this time, people were segregated and discriminated against causing some racial violence. Several men and women decided it was time to take a stand. Their actions varied from protesting, to marching, to giving speeches. This was a time when people started to get sick of the unequalness among people based solely on how they looked and wanted to make a change. I don't really understand why segregation and discrimination even happened in the first place. Every person is created equal and should be treated equal no matter what they look like or the color of their skin.

This all occurred at a point in time not too long after the Great Depression where Americans struggled to survive every day. During the Great Depression, everybody experienced hardship, regardless of the color of their skin. So, why did we have to make matters even worse for people who didn't quite look like everybody else?

One of the biggest challenges during this time was segregation and discrimination against colored people. It wasn't just segregation and discrimination though that made this time difficult. Some people went as far as killing other people just because they didn't like how they looked. A young African American boy named Emmett Till was killed in 1955 just because he whistled at a white lady. Emmett was only 14 years old. Just because people don't have the same skin color, does not mean that they are not normal human beings like everyone else.

The reason I would have wanted to be a part of the Civil Rights Movement is because I believe it was a very crucial time in America's history. This was a time when Americans started to take a stand for themselves in order to make life more equal. I would have wanted to help make a difference and push for what is right (ending segregation and discrimination). I would have tried my best to get groups together to help protest. I know one person individually sometimes cannot make such a big change, but I believe that it would have worked like a chain reaction and gotten more people involved.

I do not think it was easy having to fight against something that some people felt so strongly about. The right thing was to take a stand for these people that were facing this discrimination and help to end the racial violence, no matter how difficult it was. I firmly believe that every person is created equal and should be treated equally no matter what they look like or the color of their skin. I am glad there were people strong enough and bold enough to take action and there is no longer segregation, discrimination, and racial violence like there was prior to the Civil Rights Movement.