

**Honoree: Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers Jr.**

**Subject: English Language Arts and Social Studies**

**Grade Level: 9-12**

**Lesson Plans:**

Orangeburg Massacre: [http://www.knowitall.org/roadtrip/pdf/Midstate\\_OrangeburgMassacre.pdf](http://www.knowitall.org/roadtrip/pdf/Midstate_OrangeburgMassacre.pdf)

***Independent Lens* lesson plans for FEBRUARY ONE: The Story of the Greensboro Four** These two lessons examine how the Greensboro sit-ins were part of a tradition of protests that included nonviolent approaches and music as a means of publicizing injustice. Students will also examine a few of the many ways in which African Americans were treated unfairly under Jim Crow, and analyze methods of nonviolent protest. These lessons are directed toward grades 7 through 12, for use in the following subject areas: language arts, social studies, history and civics.

**1. [The Greensboro Sit-Ins: A Continuing Tradition of Nonviolent Protest](#)**

**Grade levels:** 8 to 12

The Greensboro Four were adamant that their lunch counter protest be nonviolent. Use this lesson to teach students about the philosophy of nonviolence, not only in the Greensboro sit-ins, but also in the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi.

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**2. [Breaking the Code: Actions and Songs of Protest](#)**

**Grade levels:** 7 to 12

After examining some of the conditions against which the students demonstrated in the Greensboro sit-ins, invite students to discuss the purposes of protest music in publicizing injustices and write their own song lyrics describing the sit-ins.

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**Oxford African American Studies Center Lesson Plan: [The Orangeburg Massacre](#)**

**Resources:**

“Orangeburg Massacre: 40th Commemoration Ceremony.” [www.orangeburgmassacre1968.com/](http://www.orangeburgmassacre1968.com/)

South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office. “All Star Bowling Lanes, Orangeburg County, South Carolina.” National Register of Historic Places nomination, [www.nationalregister.sc.gov/orangeburg/S10817738032/index.htm](http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/orangeburg/S10817738032/index.htm)

“South Carolina State College Historic District, Orangeburg County, South Carolina.” National Register of Historic Places nomination, [www.nationalregister.sc.gov/orangeburg/S10817738034/index.htm](http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/orangeburg/S10817738034/index.htm)

**UnitedStreaming:**

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[An interview with Dr. Cleveland Sellers](#) [10:14]