

Student Tool 47: Athletes Take a Stand

Student Name _____

Instructions:

1. View and read the clips and articles listed in the Resources/Materials Needed section. Choose one person or team to research to understand what stand was being taken and why, as well as the impacts on the person or team. Suggestions include Muhammad Ali's stand against being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967, Tommie Smith and John Carlos in the 1968 Olympics or the University of Wyoming's Black 14. Be prepared to present to the rest of the class background on the athlete or team involved, the issue, the form of demonstration taken and any impacts felt.

2. Reflect on

How these stories are similar and unique.

Whether you feel the same about protests or differently based on your research and the discussion.

Why professional athletes take public stands on social issues.

3. Think about a social change you would like to see and research an athlete you feel would also support that change. Write a social media post, blog or letter or create a video explaining the importance of the change, why you think that athlete might agree and request that athlete also publicly support the issue.

Resources/Materials Needed:

1. Civil Rights 3: History in the First Person: Race and Civil Rights—Where is Jim Crow Now?
2. Civil Rights 29: Selma March
3. Civil Rights 30: Protest Coverage
4. Civil Rights 16: Educate Yourself as Muhammad Ali Did
5. Liquid Light: Jim Crow to Barack Obama, <http://www.hectv.org/video/12859/jim-crow-to-barack-obama>
6. A Brief History of Racial Protest in Sports, <http://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2014/12/02/367766230/a-brief-history-of-racial-protest-in-sports>
7. An Olympic Boycott That Almost Worked, <http://www.espn.com/olympics/news/story?id=4396362>
8. As Women's Sport Grows, Athletes Find They Can't Stay Silent in the Era of Trump, <https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2017/jul/29/womens-sport-activism-and-political-protest-planned-parenthood>
9. The Black 14: Race, Politics, Religion and Wyoming Football, <https://www.wyohistory.org/encyclopedia/black-14-race-politics-religion-and-wyoming-football>
10. Articles from your own research