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Grade Level:	6-8
Language:	English
Topic/unit/core selection:	Civil Rights Movement
Chant Title and Author:	Fight for Your Right for Equality
Copy and Paste Chant Here:	Fight for Your Right for Equality

by Sharon and Gary Chant Masters

Based on the tune of Beastie Boys "Fight for Your Right"

*Optional: after every line do an air guitar riff

Separate but equal was the old legislation

*(Air guitar riff)

Now we're looking for total integration

(Air guitar riff)

We're so thirsty but we can't get a drink

(Air guitar riff)

It says "Whites Only," that's not what we think!

(Air guitar riff)

Our fathers were oppressed, but we'll do our best

To fight...for our right...for equality!

Rosa was arrested for not giving up her seat

It started the bus boycott in Montgomery

This man named Martin, he had a dream

All races live together in a peaceful scene.

They're gonna fight...for their right...to live freely!

This went down in another place and time

A group of kids known as the Little Rock Nine

It's about 9 students who wanted to go to school

An angry mob was yelling, "It's not cool!"

They had to fight...for their right...to go to

school!

The president proclaimed, "It's the law!"
so he got on the phone and made a call
He sent out troops to show it's cool
to let different races go to your school

He's gonna fight...for their right...to
integrate!

College kids in Woolworths sat down for a cup
of joe
The man behind the counter said, "You gotta
go."
They refused to move, they protested
peacefully
Even though the mob poured on their heads
hot coffee.

Because they're gonna fight...for their
right...to desegregate!

Little Ruby Bridges went to school one day
An angry mob outside the school screamed,
"No way!"
A teacher came along and said, "That's not
fair!"
She took Ruby by the hand and showed her
she cared

She's gonna fight...for her right...to integrate!

Shortly after that came the Freedom Rides
Busloads set out to protect Constitutional
rights
They were met with violence everywhere they
went
they showed perseverance and didn't relent

They're gonna fight...for their right...to
desegregate!

John F. Kennedy left behind a great legacy
The Civil Rights Act is what we see
It ended public discrimination against race,
color, sex or creed
It legislated equality for everyone...including
you and me

We won our right...to fight...for equality!

**Additional
instructions/melody/tempo etc.:**

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