

Happy Rainbow Day



Pride Month

Understanding LGBTQ+ and
Stonewall Riots



Learning Outcomes

- Understand LGBTQ+ acronym
- Learn about Stonewall Riots



What Does LGBTQ+ Mean?

- L – Lesbian
- G – Gay
- B – Bisexual
- T – Transgender
- Q – Queer/Questioning
- + – Others (e.g., asexual, intersex)



What Were the Stonewall Riots?

- People were treated unfairly because of who they loved or how they looked
- One night, they stood up and protested
- This moment sparked the start of the Pride movement

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Class Discussion

- Is it ever okay to break the law if it's unfair?
- • Think about Stonewall
- • Share your thoughts



Main Task: *Is It Ever OK to Break the Law?*

- Write two or three paragraphs explaining your opinion. Use the Stonewall riots as an example to help explain your thinking. You could use the word bank to support you.
- You might like to think about:
 - **Why** do we have laws?
 - **What happens** when a law feels unfair?
 - **Why** did people protest at Stonewall?
 - Was breaking the law the only way they could be heard?
 - Do you think their actions made a difference?
- **Sentence Starters:**
 - In my opinion, it is/is not OK to break the law when...
 - The Stonewall riots happened because...
 - Some people believe that breaking the law is sometimes necessary because...
 - I think the protestors were...
 - This shows that...

Word Bank: Use these words and phrases to help you express your ideas:

- **Law & Rules:** law, illegal, rule, justice, crime, fair, unfair, obey, break, punishment, consequence
- **Protest & Rights:** protest, rights, freedom, equality, voice, stand up, movement, change, demonstration, civil rights
- **Describing Feelings:** angry, frustrated, hopeful, determined, scared, brave, proud, worried, passionate
- **Discussion Words:** because, however, for example, in my opinion, some people think, others believe, I agree/disagree, I believe, this shows



Is It Ever OK to Break the Law? (WAGOLL)

In my opinion, it is OK to break the law **when the law is unfair and stops people from having equal rights**. Laws are meant to protect people, but sometimes they do the opposite. When this happens, people may feel they have no choice but to protest.

The **Stonewall riots** happened in 1969 because LGBTQ+ people were being treated unfairly. Police kept raiding a place called the Stonewall Inn just because of who people loved or how they looked. This made people feel **angry, frustrated** and **scared**. They wanted to be treated with respect and to have the same **freedom** and **equality** as everyone else.

One important person during the riots was **Marsha P. Johnson**, a brave trans woman who helped start the protest. She stood up for others and helped start a **movement** that changed history. Even though what they did was against the law at the time, I believe it was **the right thing to do**.

This shows that sometimes breaking the law is the only way people can be heard, especially when no one is listening. The Stonewall riots helped to bring about important changes and **gave people a voice** who didn't have one before.



Wrap-Up & Share

- • Share your writing
- • Celebrate learning
- • Remember: Being yourself is always something to be proud of

