

We came across Gloria Richardson when we were doing research into women who broke barriers in history that are not well known. We were intrigued when we found her name and a short summary about her, and after researching her a bit, we thought she would be a good fit for the theme. We were also very inspired by her story and the revolution she led and sad to find that she had not received the recognition she deserved for her role as a leader in the civil rights movement. We were especially excited to work on a project about her because we enjoy researching women in history.

Once we had found some basic information through online articles, we looked at resources from databases, especially Gale databases and Proquest. We also found several interviews with Richardson that were useful. We also found many pieces of her writing that clearly and beautifully stated her theories on revolution and her perspective of the events that happened in Cambridge, MD. After we had advanced from the school competition, we needed some more primary resources which we found on a trip to Wilson Library at the University of Minnesota. There we found several primary newspaper articles about the riots. After a second trip to the library, we also found more newspaper articles from the time between the 1963 riots and the 1967 riots, as well as the time between the riots and when Victoria Jackson-Stanley was elected as the first African American mayor of Cambridge. There were also many books at the library which discussed Richardson and several other civil rights leaders, as well as the broader civil rights movement. As we did more research, we learned more about the groups, CNAC and SNCC and the large influence Richardson had. We were able to do an Interview with Jackson-Stanley via email due to the circumstances.

We decided to make a website because we have done websites in past years and had really enjoyed the flexibility of the format. We faced a greater challenge this year because of the new NHD Web Central. There were some of the same things on NHD Web Central as Weebly, but there were also several changes that were very hard to figure out. After working with NHD Web Central for a bit, we came to like the platform more because of the flexibility and more options.

We felt that Richardson would be a good choice for this year's theme because of how many barriers she broke. She broke many obvious ones, like being a leader of a civil rights group as a woman of color and of course the barriers she broke in Cambridge through her leadership. However, she also broke barriers within the civil rights movement with her ideas of total integration (integration that included economic justice).