HANDOUT: What Was Behind the Bristol Bus Boycott?

Viewing Guide

Directions: As you watch the video, pay attention to how the images help tell the story of the Bristol Bus Boycott. Your teacher will pause the video periodically so you have a chance to record your notes.

1. Give three examples from the video that help describe the relationship between blacks and whites in Bristol in the early 1960s.

2. Why were Roy Hackett and his wife unhappy with the Bristol Omnibus Company and the Transport and General Workers' Union?

3. What was Paul Stephenson's plan to expose the “colour bar” so people would learn about it? What role did Guy Bailey play in Stephenson's plan?

4. Where can the efforts of Paul Stephenson, Guy Bailey, Roy Hackett, and the father of former Olympian Vernon Samuels be seen today? Where is there still work to be done?

5. According to Roy Hackett, what responsibilities does your generation have to take a stand for change in your communities?

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