

TEACHER'S GUIDE

“No Turning Back” at a Glance

	PROLOGUE	PART 1: Welcome to Greenwood	PART 2: A Little Light	PART 3: Jim Crow Must Go	EPILOGUE
Playing Time	15 minutes	30-40 minutes	30-40 minutes	30-40 minutes	10 minutes
Story	<p>It's 1960 in the Mississippi Delta, and 16-year old Verna Baker's grandfather has recently passed away.</p> <p>Verna's grandmother shares memories about some of Verna's grandfather's possessions, and also talks about Verna's upcoming move to Greenwood to attend high school.</p> <p>At her grandfather's burial and homegoing, Verna catches up with her old friend Robert, her first cousin Addie Starling, and Addie's father, "Uncle Curtis," with whom Verna will be living in Greenwood.</p>	<p>Fall 1960. Verna arrives in Greenwood, and Addie takes her shopping for school and introduces her to members of the Black community, with whom she may make Community Connections.</p> <p>While shopping, Verna experiences "Jim Crow" (a system of segregation and second-class treatment for Black people) first hand, and must grapple with how to respond.</p> <p>Addie takes Verna to her father's church to meet Miss Annetta, the new choir director, and ends up singing.</p> <p>Verna then begins her first week of school and sees the results of her decisions.</p>	<p>Spring 1961. Verna receives a letter from Robert. She volunteers to help her Aunt Mabel prepare and serve dinner for the Chalmers, who are members of the white supremacist Citizens' Council, and guests.</p> <p>At the Chalmers' house, Verna encounters a pro-segregation campaign song and political flyers. At dinner, the guests discuss the Freedom Riders.</p> <p>The next day after church, Verna speaks with Miss Annetta, who invites her to an NAACP meeting.</p> <p>Verna speaks with Medgar Evers at the meeting and may later approach her peers about joining an NAACP youth group.</p>	<p>A year later, during the summer of 1962, Verna and her grandmother attend a civil rights meeting with their neighbor Fannie Lou Hamer. After returning to Greenwood, Verna visits the SNCC office and volunteers to help.</p> <p>Verna must canvass people whom she knows to come to a SNCC citizenship class.</p> <p>At the citizenship class, she meets SNCC field secretary Sam Block and helps people practice for the literacy test.</p> <p>When the county cuts off sharecroppers' food supply, Robert arrives to help, while Verna works the phone to get applicants to the courthouse.</p>	<p>Spring 1963 - Today</p> <p>Verna remains involved in the events leading to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights of 1965.</p> <p>The narrative switches between Verna's specific story/perspective and national events.</p> <p>After the Voting Rights Act, player badges help to tell Verna's story.</p>
Tasks	<p>Choose an item of your grandfather's to keep.</p> <p>Talk with your friends and relatives at the homegoing.</p>	<p>Buy shoes, dress fabric, and buttons for school.</p> <p>Ask Mr. Lewis to help fix the church roof.</p> <p>Meet Miss Annetta, the youth choir director.</p>	<p>Help Aunt Mabel at the Chalmers' dinner.</p> <p>Attend the NAACP meeting.</p> <p>(Optional) Recruit students to join NAACP youth group.</p>	<p>Go the SNCC office and look at documents.</p> <p>Canvass people to come to a SNCC citizenship class.</p> <p>Help applicants get out of danger and reach the courthouse quickly.</p>	N/a

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Badges	Grandfather's Legacy (based on chosen item): Book of Poetry School Bus Photograph UNIA Pin	Taking a Stand Bold Moves Cool Customer Resourceful Reader Community Connections: Mr. Lewis (carpenter) Mr. Robinson (pharmacist) Mrs. Gibson (cafe owner) Miss Polly (salon owner)	Taking a Stand Bold Moves Favorite Niece People Power Community Connections: Miss Kate (St. Francis Center founder)	People Power Resourceful Reader	N/a
Target Concepts	Long struggle for civil rights prior to 1950s African American migration North after WWII Segregation persists despite Brown v Bd. of Ed.	Impact of Jim Crow and white supremacy in Greenwood MS Strength of Black communities and churches in Greenwood, MS	Freedom Rides creating national publicity for the civil rights movement White resistance to the civil rights movement NAACP organizing in MS and the role of young people in the movement	Jim Crow restrictions on voting rights SNCC organizing for voter registration. Support from the North for the civil rights movement	The passage of the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts in 1964 and 1965 Successes and continued challenges of the civil rights movement.
Classroom Activities	Badge and Community Connections Tracker (full game activity) Pre-Mission Activity Prologue Writing Prompts Prologue Vocabulary Activity Prologue Document-Based Activities	Part 1 Document-Based Activity Part 1 Vocabulary Activity Part 1 Writing Prompts Part 1 Review Questions	Part 2 Document-Based Activities Part 2 Vocabulary Activity Part 2 Writing Prompts Part 2 Review Questions	Part 3 Document-Based Activity Part 3 Vocabulary Activity Part 3 Writing Prompts Part 3 Review Questions	Final Project

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<p style="text-align: center;">Key Vocabulary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Smartwords:</i> 15th Amendment Brown decision Chicago Defender Citizens' Council(s) civil rights Congress of Racial Equality / CORE Double V Freedom Riders human rights integration Jim Crow KKK / Klan literacy test lynched Mass Meeting NAACP segregated segregation sit-ins / sit-downs SNCC white supremacist</p>	
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	<p>Smartwords: Chicago Defender integration Jim Crow lynched NAACP segregated segregation sit-ins / sit-downs white supremacist</p> <p>People: Bo Diddley Earl Hooker Elmore James Sam Cooke</p> <p>Glossary Words: blues Delta diaspora homegoing Negro Negroes plantation reminiscing sharecropped sharecroppers Woolworth's</p>	<p>Smartwords: Citizens' Council(s) civil rights</p> <p>People: Bill Russell Diahann Carroll Lena Horne Mahalia Jackson Rosa Parks</p> <p>Glossary Words: boycott colored custard Delta tamales double features gospel</p>	<p>Smartwords: Brown decision Congress of Racial Equality / CORE Freedom Riders human rights KKK / Klan</p> <p>People: [John F.] Kennedy Kate Foote Jordan Medgar Evers Fr. Nathaniel Machesky Ross Barnett W.E.B. Du Bois</p> <p>Glossary Words: Greenwood High interrogate Jackson Parchman petition racial integrity the Congo</p>	<p>Smartwords: 15th Amendment Double V freedom songs literacy test Mass Meeting SNCC</p> <p>People: Rev. [Aaron] Johnson Dick Gregory James Meredith Sam Block</p> <p>Glossary Words: Commodity / Commodities food surplus Wesley United Methodist Church</p>	
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