

Americans Who Tell the Truth

LGBTQIA+ Justice Resources

Use this resource page to guide your students as they learn about AWTT portrait subjects who have addressed LGBTQIA+ Justice issues.

Essential Questions:

- What is the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity?
- How are sexual identity and gender orientation determined?
- How can one respond to homophobic or transphobic attitudes?
- What kinds of challenges do members of the LGBTQIA+ community face?
- How can one be a good ally to members of the LGBTQIA+ community?

Truth Tellers and LGBTQIA+ Justice

Lesson: Who are the AWTT Portrait Subjects?

Using our lesson plan [Who are the AWTT portrait subjects?](#), choose three of the portrait subjects listed below. This lesson will help students learn more about the portrait subjects' lives and their commitment to LGBTQIA+ justice.

[Jane Addams](#)

[James Baldwin](#)

[Richard Blanco](#)

[Betty Burkes](#)

[Mary Bonauto](#)

[V \(Eve Ensler\)](#)

[Nikki Giovanni](#)

[Emma Goldman](#)

[Harry Hay](#)

[Pat Humphries](#)
[Nicole and Jonas Maines](#)
[Pauli Murray](#)
[Sandy O](#)
[Bayard Rustin](#)
[Mara Sapon Shevin](#)
[Sandra Steingraber](#)
[Cecil Williams](#)

Lesson: Speaking Truth to Youth - LGBTQIA+ Justice (video interviews)

Use our [Speaking Truth to Youth Intro Lesson](#) to explore three of these portrait subjects and what we can learn from them:

[Mary Bonauto](#)
[Betty Burkes](#)
[Nicole Maines](#)
[Sandra Steingraber](#)

Other resources to explore:

[LGBTQ Rights | American Civil Liberties Union](#)
[Outright International](#)
[The Trevor Project](#)
[Human Rights Campaign](#)

Integrate AWTT activities into multiple content areas:

Connect what your students are learning in a variety of content areas – science, social studies, English language arts, math, creative arts – by completing the following activities:

- Select four of the suggested portraits. After reading the bios, discuss the meaning of the quotes. What challenges do the quotes present?
- Dig deeper! Register for the [Samantha Smith Challenge](#) to help your students take a deeper dive into LGBTQIA+ Justice.