Nina Simone: Four Women
Historical Context

Race
Race refers to the diversity of where people come from. People come from different parts of the world. People look different depending on where they come from.

Despite coming from different parts of the world or looking different, people are still the same regardless of where they come from or what they look like. .

Racism
Racism is a belief that one race is superior or better than another race, and a person discriminates or causes harm to another person because of their race.

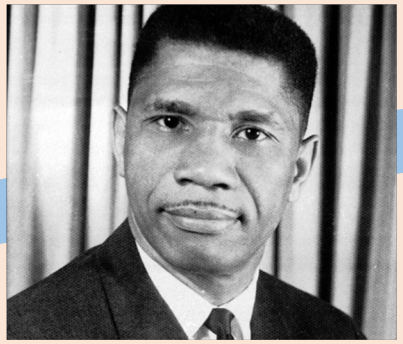
Jim Crow
Jim Crow is not a person.

Jim Crow refers to real laws that prevented African-Americans from having their full rights and freedoms as a human, and as a citizen of the United States.

White Supremist Groups
There are groups called the Ku Klux Klan or the White Citizen's Council who believe in racism, and use violence and murder against African-Americans.

Peaches
The state of Georgia is associated with peaches. During slavery, African Americans readily picked and ate peaches. After slavery was abolished, peaches became a symbol of higher class and education. The cost of peaches were too expensive for African-Americans to buy.

People's Light Lobby Display
There is a display in the lobby showing Nina Simone's life as well as the historical moments that inspired some of Nina's music.



Medgar Evers was a civil rights activist in the 1950's and 1960's. An activist is a person who works for change in society. Medgar Evers was an activist for racial equality.

He was shot and killed in front of his home by a white supremist person who was part of the White Citizen's Council.

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JFK 'Appalled

On September 15, 1963, a bomb went off at the **16th Street Baptist Church** in Birmingham, Alabama.

The bomb killed four young girls.

The bomb was placed by four members of the Ku Klux Klan, a terrorist white supremist group.

Today: 16th Street Baptist Church