

Downloadable Study Guide

"Pieces from the Past: Voices of Heroic Women in Civil Rights"

Suggestions for educational activities and projects:

PRETEND...

- 1. You are one of Mae Bertha Carter's children and you keep a diary. Write journal entries covering 3 days.**
- 2. You are one of the women in the book. The editors of the local paper have asked you to write a short biographical sketch for the paper. Write that short biography.**
- 3. You are the prosecutor or defense attorney at the Emmett Till trial. (Your choice; you pick). Write your closing argument.**
- 4. Check the Suggested Quotes section in the back of the book. Which one resonates with you and why? Write a short narrative/ poem or draw a picture.**

YOU DECIDE...

- 1. Contact your local human relations commission and find out about recent incidents of racial intolerance in your school or city. What would or could you do?**
- 2. What would you do about bullying in your school?**

RESEARCH...

- 1. What is meant by the "altruistic personality" and how does this concept fit with what you know about these women?**
- 2. Look carefully at the time line in the back of the book. What other events were going on at this time? How were particular events relevant to the civil rights struggle?**