

## **Downloadable Study Guide**

### **"Standing On My Sisters' Shoulders"**

**Suggestions for educational activities and projects:**

#### **FROM THE FILM**

**Which women in the film were most compelling to you and why? Pick one and write an essay from her point of view.**

**Make a movie type poster or collage that depicts the film. What kind of images would you focus on? Are there quotes from the women you would use? What kind of colors would work best?**

**Discuss the role of voting and it's importance, then and now.**

**What was the significance of the case Brown vs. Board of Education?**

**What most surprised you about the Civil Rights History during the 1950's and 60's and why?**

#### **RELATING IT TO YOUR FAMILY AND CURRENT EVENTS**

**Name some leaders who you believe are standing on the shoulders of the women from the film and discuss how things have changed since the 1950's and 60's.**

**We normally hear about history of great leaders, politicians, and thinkers. But history is also made up of many people who are less famous, as you can see in the film. This type of grassroots history is important to preserve. Interview a grandparent, parent, or other relative something interesting from his or her past. What struggles did they face? Write it down or videotape it, so you can preserve some of your family history.**

**Follow the next elections in the US or other countries. Are there people who are being stopped from voting? What are the issues and who are the people behind that?**