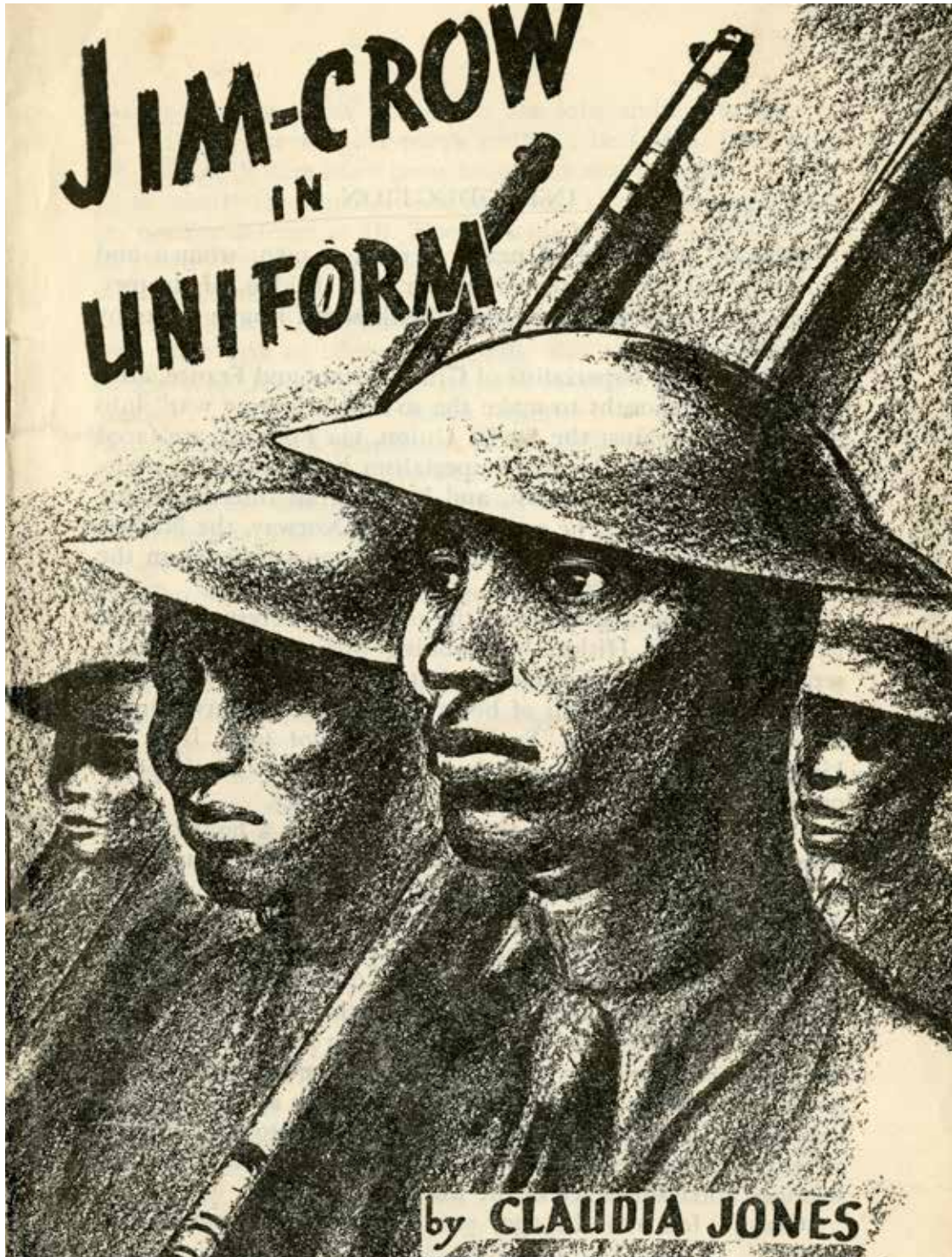


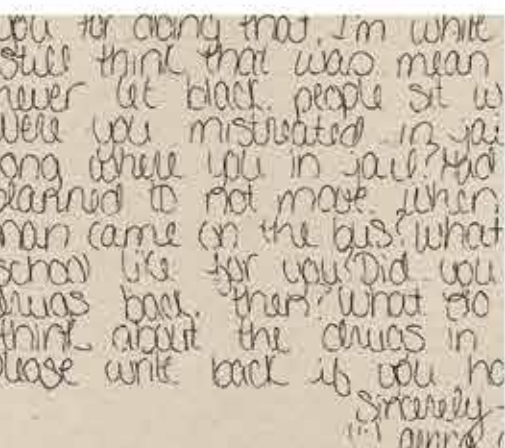
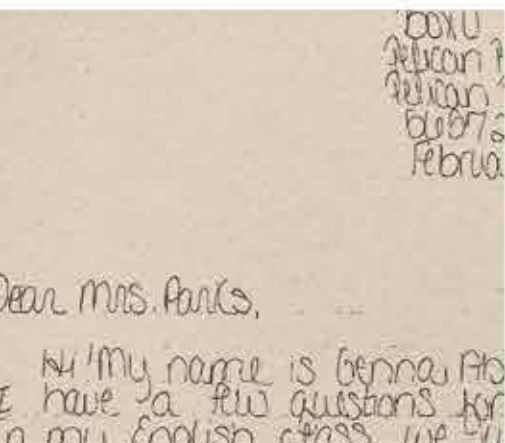




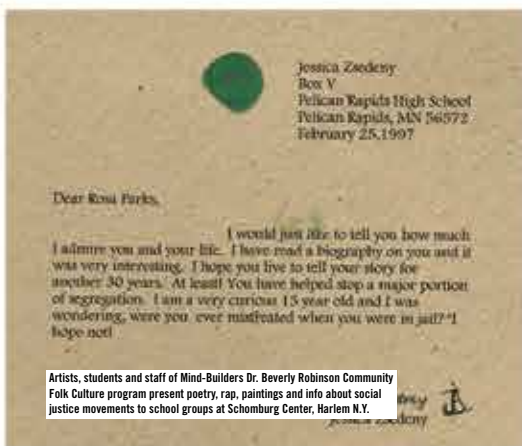
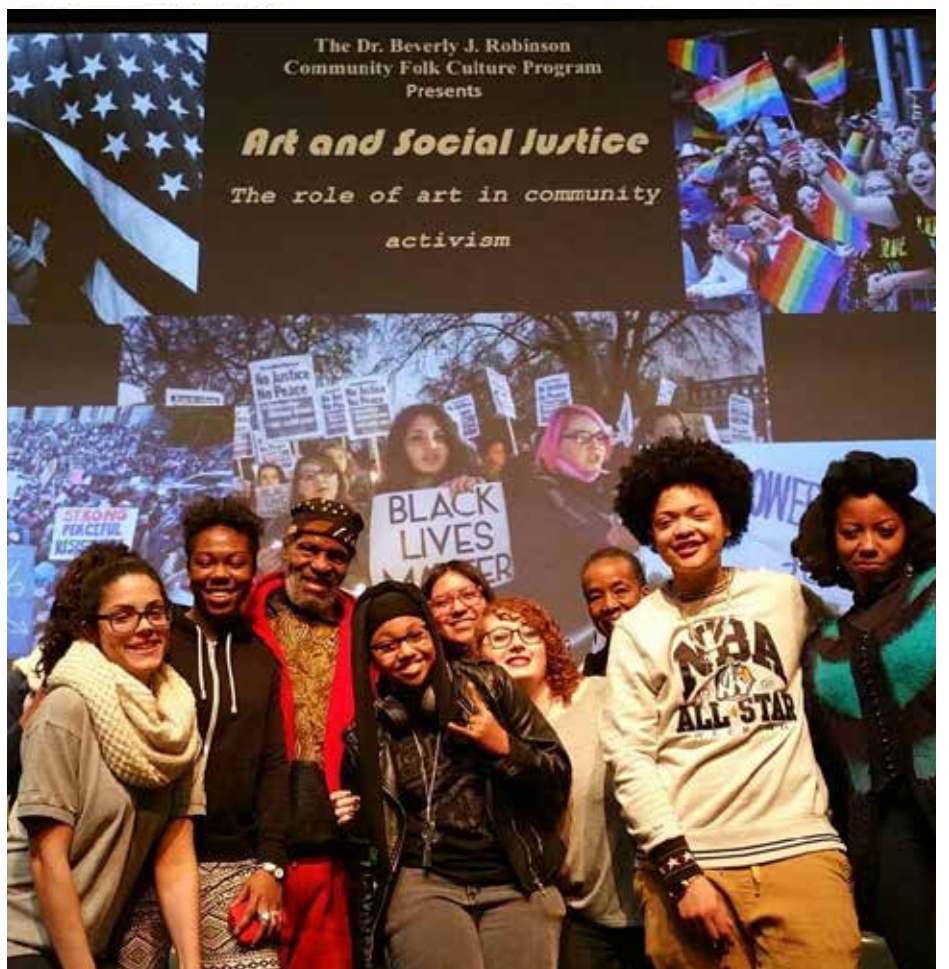
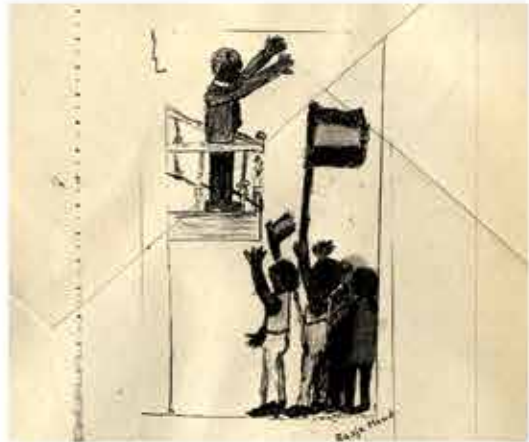
Music students show how songs and music as well as other art forms can be powerful tools for creative expression in the Bronx N.Y.

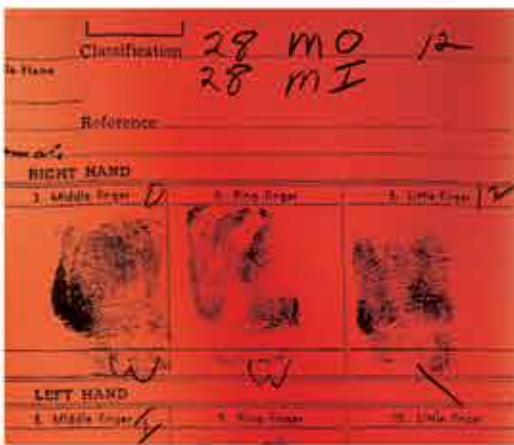


Student artist Kalvin Acheampong had his painting on exhibit in the Bronx to encourage voting in the national election.



Dear Sirs
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REPUBLIC OF
21st July
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Sir

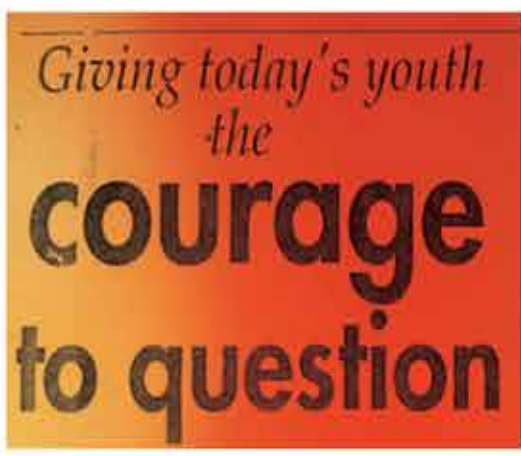




Whites protest against school desegregation in Montgomery, Alabama 1963.
Flip Schulke Archives/Getty Images



South African police attack anti-apartheid protesters in Durban 1959.
Hulton Archives/Getty Images



50 The Parks Legacy
201 Bagley
Detroit, MI 48206
USA

314 Dundas St E
Toronto Ontario
M5A 2A3
Canada

Dear Mr. Parks

How are you? My name is Lisa Tsang and I'm in grade nine at Jarvis C.I. I'm writing to you because I wanted to tell you how much I appreciate what you did on the bus in 1955. If you and other people against racism did not do anything about it, the world might still be the same as it was in 1955. I think what you did was very brave. It takes guts and courage to do what you did. Many kids think of sport players or movie stars as their heroes, but it's people like you who are real heroes. You made an important and significant part of history against racism, and I'm really thankful for what you did because I do not believe in racism and I do not think anyone should either. Overall, in this letter, I just wanted to tell you that what you did on the bus was a great thing.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lisa Tsang



BLM protest in New York City 2020 by Stephen Furze

December 5, 1996

Dear Mrs. Parks,

Hi, my name is Kaitlin Lurman and I am 10 years old. I am in fifth grade at Brandeis Hill Day School in San Rafael, California. In my Judaic class we have been learning about the Civil Rights movements. Recently my class has watched the movie "A Time For Justice", which showed discrimination. I have some questions that I would like to ask you:

- * How did your friends and family react to the situation on the bus?
- * Were you and your family scared of what might happen to you after you got arrested?
- * How did you feel about yourself when you stood up for your rights?
- * How did you get the courage to fight racism so strongly?

I want you to know that I greatly admire you because you stood up for what you believed in. You are one of my true heroes and I hope that more people will have the courage to fight as strongly as you did. Honestly, (just between you and me) I could never have done what you did. Once again, I admire you very much and I feel that you have made a big improvement in our history.

Sincerely,
Kaitlin Lurman
Brandeis Hill Day School
180 North San Pedro Road
San Rafael CA, 94903



December 17, 1995

Dearest Nelson Mandela,

We would like to congratulate you on winning the Nobel Peace Prize. This award represents the recognition and appreciation of people everywhere for all that you have accomplished. For me, it is reward enough that your efforts have paved the way for a democratic South Africa. I hold you in the highest regards and hope that one day I will make a difference in this world the way you have. Mr. Mandela, I ask of you this one thing:

In your acceptance speech on the 10th of December, please call for the release of a fellow Nobel Peace Prize laureate of 1991 who was under house arrest, unable to receive her award.

Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma.
(she still remains under house arrest)

We thank a man of your esteem in the international community to open the eyes of the world to realities such as this one. By just mentioning her name, I am positive it will be a knock on the door to her freedom. Thank you for your time and effort and once again - congratulations! You inspire more than hope, you inspire others to make a difference.

Sincerely,
Jessica Williams
Jessica Williams
Student at Orange Coast College
Costa Mesa, California



Student ignores hostile screams against integration of Little Rock Arkansas school in 1957. Flip Schulke Archives/Getty Images



Dear MR. MANDELA... DEAR MRS. PARKS

CHILDREN'S LETTERS: GLOBAL LESSONS



Dear Mrs. Parks
I am writing to you
because my class and I are
working on you.

I have always wondered how
you felt when that white
man called you names? How
did you feel in front of all those
people? I bet your heart was
broken. Just because you're black
does not mean anything bad.
I'm black too. People call me
names. I just ignore them. My
teacher says that's the best
thing to do.

I Love you

Yours Truly
Rhenee Lopez

599 Brimley rd.
Scarb. Ont.
M1T 1B6
CANADA
Mon May 12, 97

Ms. Rosa Parks
% The Parks Legacy
1201 Bagley
Detroit, MI 43226

Dear Ms. Rosa Parks,

First of all I would like to say how much I
admire you. There are many people that do not
have the courage to stand up for themselves, I am
one of them. For me I am Oriental and I hear lots
of jokes and comments about my race but I am too
afraid to stand up for myself because I feel that I
am outnumbered. I can't help but think that I am
living in a "white men's world" and no matter what I
do I will not be treated the same because of the
color of my skin. That is one of the reasons
why I wish there were more people in the world
like you, not afraid to stand up for themselves.

Sincerely,
Linh Huynh

Valerie Ibarra

Dear Rosa Parks,
I think it was right
what you did. Everyone
should have and be treated
equal and with respect
no matter where you
are from or how you look.
They should not have
took you to jail the
black should have sat
anywhere they wanted.

Sincerely
Valerie



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1201 Bagley
Detroit, MI 43226

Dear Ms. Rosa Parks

First of all I
admire you. There are
have the courage to
one of them. For me I



Private Secretary to:
President Nelson Mandela
51 Flan St, Johannesburg
2001, SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Secretary,

I am a 17 year old male from Australia and I am writing to President Mandela because I admire him a great deal and I think he is a wonderful man. I want to congratulate President Mandela on becoming President of South Africa, which was one of the greatest things that have happened in a long time. At last the people of South Africa can be treated fairly and can at last look up to someone they truly admire.

President Mandela is a sign of great hope and racial justice and a true inspiration to us all. It is for this reason that I did a school assignment on Mr Mandela this year, and I learnt a lot about this great man. I admire and respect him a lot for his protests against white-minority government policies such as the rights for blacks to vote, and ending racial segregation. I couldn't believe that blacks didn't have the right to vote in their own country - and so I applaud Mr Mandela

for his continued fight against racial injustice.

As President I know Nelson Mandela will do a lot of good even though he will have a hard job ahead of him - but the rest of the world will be there to support him on. I know I will be, as I can think of no one in the world I admire and respect more. Mr Mandela provides great hope for the future of South Africa - the world needs more people like him.

I am very much hoping that President Mandela may be kind enough to send me his - autograph if at all possible. I would be so very pleased and honoured if he could, as I think he is great.

I hope President Mandela enjoys his visit in America and I look forward to a time when he may come to Australia.

In the meantime, I would like to wish Nelson Mandela all the very, very best for the future.

Most Sincerely,

Paul O'Halloran

Paul O'Halloran
190 Westblade Avenue,
Kerang, Victoria, 3579
AUSTRALIA

Lothar Rosenbaum

Brunnenweg 43
D-94060 Pocking
Telefon 08531-8720
Germany



Hallo...
Dear Mr.
President!

Dear Mr. President!

I am fascinated of you and I admire your whole work in your life for your country and for the future I wish you all the Best, success and very much health.

God bless you!

Dear Mr. Mandela, I love you so much and if it is possible, to get a personally autographed photo yourself, - it would be the greatest pleasure for me.

Please, fulfill my request.

I thank you very much in advance!

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
Lothar Rosenbaum





African Dance students at Street Festival in the Bronx demonstrate what they've learned about their cultural traditions and rich history of achievement despite the obstacles.

