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### Audrey Faye Hendricks and the Freedom Fighters

Martin Luther King Jr. was a very important activist who led the Civil Rights Movement from the 1950's until his death by assassination in 1968. MLK's dream was for all people to live together in equality. In order to accomplish his dream he had to work hard and bring people together in peaceful protests. He led nonviolent marches in cities where laws kept black people from stores, parks, and buses because only whites were allowed. One of these peaceful protests was the Children's March in 1963 where black students marched for equal rights. Among the many students that marched that day was Audrey Faye Hendricks.

Audrey Faye Hendricks was a third grade student at the time of the march. She was only nine years old when she was arrested. After a scary interview, Audrey was put in a small room with 11 other students, who would eventually call themselves the Freedom Fighters. After seven days of terrible food and no word from home, Audrey was finally able to leave due to overcrowding. Because she had been so courageous, Audrey was able to make a difference.

Audrey Faye Hendricks was a very brave student. At the time of the march Audrey was the same age as I am now. If I was there during the march I would have felt scared, nervous, but most importantly I would have felt strong. I would have been scared because I knew that I would end up being arrested just because of the color of my skin. I would have been nervous because I don't know how people would have reacted or treated me as I was marching. However, I would have been strong because I believed in what I was doing and knew that my efforts would help to reach our main goal, which was equal rights and freedom. I would have proudly marched because I wanted to stand up for not only myself, but also all those that were affected by segregation. I would have tried to be just as brave as Audrey Faye Hendricks.

In conclusion, many people like Audrey and most importantly Martin Luther King Jr. made a huge impact on segregation in America. Today, we must all remember the sacrifices made and tough times gone through that allowed us to all live equally.

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The Children's March of 1963  
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Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "The time is always right to do what's right." Martin Luther King Jr. and Audrey Faye Hendricks knew they had to do the right thing. They had to march to end segregation.

In the Children's March of 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. spoke to children and asked them to march for freedom. Kids asked their parents to march, and many did. The children sang as they marched to give themselves comfort. African American kids that were in school did not go and marched instead. Lots of them were arrested, sprayed by firefighters, and even attacked by dogs.

Audrey Faye Hendricks was one of the marchers. She asked her mom to march, and she said OK. She started at the baptist church and marched a half block to Kelly Ingram Park. Soon the police put the kids in paddy wagons. They went to juvenile hall which was a jail for kids. Audrey thought she was the youngest there. She was in third grade and was nine years old. Audrey was in a cell with eleven other kids. Later she was brought into a room with five white people who asked her questions. They asked her if the kids were forced to march and who made them march. Audrey was scared, but she still answered. While in jail she would hear about how people were being taken to the fairgrounds because there was no more room at juvenile hall. Audrey felt proud because she was helping to get freedom from segregation. After seven days Audrey went home, and her parents were happy she was home.

If I were in the Children's March of 1963, I would probably be terrified because I could be arrested, attacked by dogs, and sprayed by firefighters. Even so, I would still march if Martin Luther King Jr. asked me to. I would have felt afraid if I went to jail. I would be away from my family and friends. I think Audrey was very brave because she could have been hurt badly, but she fought for what she thought was right.

People saw pictures of the Children's March and knew that kids shouldn't be treated that way. It had an impact on people, and more started to help end segregation. Audrey knew that just because you are little doesn't mean you can't make a difference. How can you make a difference?