If You Were There

Directions: Here's your chance to be a big-time film producer! Black Americans have been involved in many important historical events. If you could, which scene would you choose to document on film?

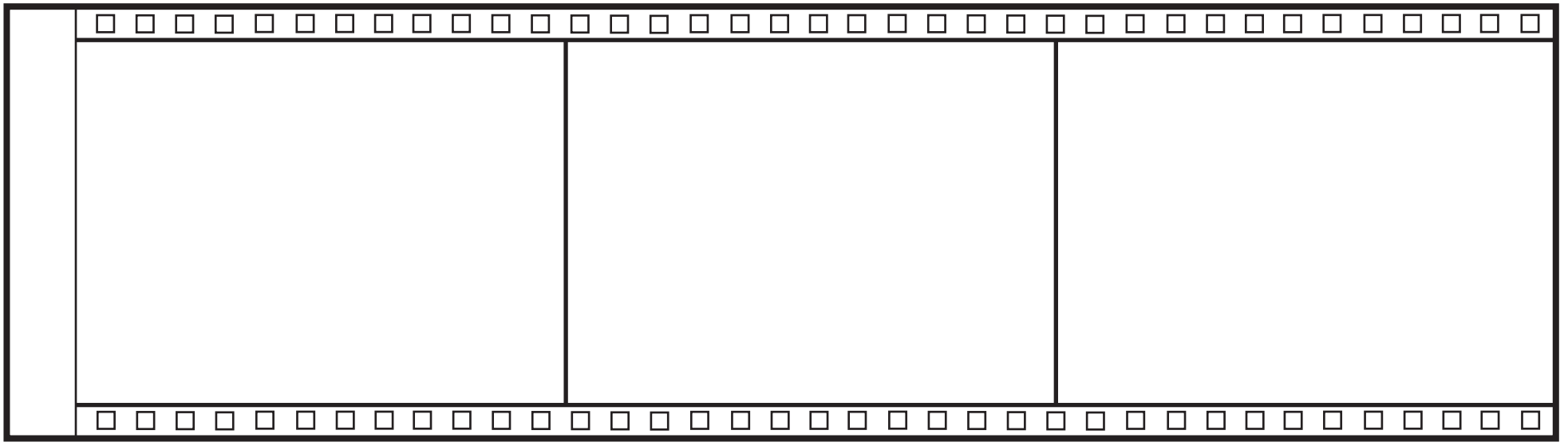
Select one of the historical events or issues listed in the box on the right. Decide how you might teach others about the event or issue. Create a filmstrip using the frames at the bottom of this page. Show three different stages, or times, of the event or issue. Use a pencil to draw the illustration in each frame; then write a caption below it. Use colored pencils or markers to complete your filmstrip.

In addition, write a paragraph narration on another sheet of paper to accompany each frame of your filmstrip.

Bonus Box: Cut out your filmstrip and attach it to those of other students who researched the same topic.

Historical Events/Issues

- Benjamin Banneker builds the first clock to be constructed in America.
- Crispus Attucks is shot and killed during the Boston Massacre.
- Peter Salem, Salem Poor, and other blacks fight at Bunker Hill.
- The slave ship *Amistad* is taken over by its African captives.
- The Dred Scott Decision is made by the Supreme Court.
- A slave on the Underground Railroad heads for the safety of Canada.
- Jesse Owens wins four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic Games.
- Jackie Robinson joins the Brooklyn Dodgers.
- Rosa Parks is arrested for not giving up her seat on a bus.
- Martin Luther King, Jr., gives his famous "I Have A Dream" speech.



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