STONEWALL: A BUILDING. AN UPRISING. A REVOLUTION

By Rob Sanders Illustrated by Jamey Christoph

Read by the author exclusively for GECDSB Students:

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From Rob Sanders, author of the acclaimed *Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk* and the *Rainbow Flag*, comes this powerful and timeless true story that will allow young readers to discover the rich and dynamic history of the Stonewall Inn and its role in the gay civil rights movement—a movement that continues to this very day.

In the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, the Stonewall Inn was raided by police in New York City. Though the Inn had been raided before, that night would be different. It would be the night when empowered members of the LGBTQ+ community—in and around the Stonewall Inn—began to protest and demand their equal rights as citizens of the United States. Movingly narrated by the Stonewall Inn itself, and featuring stirring and dynamic illustrations by Jamey Christoph.

*Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution* is an essential and empowering civil rights story for us all.

Interview with Rob Sanders:

https://www.robsanderswrites.com/stonewall-a-building-an-uprising-a-

Stonewall Colouring Sheet by Jamey Christoph:

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Discussion Topics for All Grades:

The author describes the evolution of the Greenwich Village neighborhood. It goes from being a safe spot for immigrants to a place that artists and musicians could come together, “a place where being different was welcomed and accepted.”

- Do you have a place where you feel welcome and accepted?
- Where is this place?
- Why do you feel welcome and accepted there?

The story also has the Inn make the observation, “Others were not as accepting,” and “loving someone like yourself” or “wearing the wrong clothes” could lead to arrest.

- Have you ever had your safe, welcoming place feel not so welcoming or happy?
- What can you do to feel better during those times?
Primary - Draw your happy place and write 5 words or 2 sentences explaining why your place is special to you and how it makes you feel.

Junior – What did the people of Greenwich Village do to help each other?

Think of a time when you stood up for yourself or someone else and compare your experience to that of the people from Stonewall.

Intermediate – How did the laws in Greenwich Village affect the Human Rights of others?

Sometimes laws don’t match up with everyone’s human rights.

When has a law in Canada not been good for everyone’s Human Rights?

Being a good citizen means advocating for laws to be good for all citizens.

How do good citizens change laws?

Educators: Read more about Stonewall...


“Building a Movement” Publishers Weekly, May 27, 2019

“Rob the Builder” Watermark Online, May 23, 2019

"Top 10, The Rainbow Book List"

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