

Second Place Senior Poetry
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Civil Rights.

It is history,

Saying it doesn't matter is contradictory.

It is cruelty,

But it's also filled with heroes that represent beauty.

It is Elie Wiesel.

It is Anne Frank.

It is John Lewis.

It is Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Heroes that define humanity.

It is insanity,

We wish it was fantasy.

It is every age and gender,

We will never surrender.

It is equality.

Civil Rights.

It is a child.

Who inspired me to advocate for equality through social media.

It is Anne Frank.

It is a diary,

That could educate society entirely.
It is a primary source,
That could be passed down to enforce.
It is a pencil,
That could spread information that is essential.
It is improvement,
That sparks a freedom movement.
It is equality.

Civil Rights.

It is a teen.
Who inspired me to help others to understand what these events mean.
It is Elie Wiesel.

It is *Night*,
Showing the Jewish people's fright.
It is capability,
Even in hostility.
It is faithfulness,
Relieving distress.
It is equality.

Civil Rights.

It is a grown female.

Who inspired me to tell people that women don't fail.

It is Ruth Bader Ginsburg,

Who tells us we've had a purpose sense birth.

It is diversity,

Even though she attended Harvard University.

It is individuality,

Showing off your talents that make up your personality.

It is pride,

Standing up saying you aren't gonna be denied.

It is equality.

Civil Rights.

It is a grown male.

Who inspired me to fight for what I believe in and never bail.

It is John Lewis.

It is achieving the impossible,

And making it possible.

It is speaking out,

So we can show what we are about.

It is ending racist speech,

And taking on John Lewis' preach.

It is everyone.

It is equality.

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