

## **Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag**

### **Purpose:**

- Learn about civil rights history.
- Understand how people can work together to increase safety and belonging.

### **Context and Considerations:**

K-5 Classrooms, with Administrator awareness / approval

Please keep in mind the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable students, who may belong to one or more target identity groups. Re-familiarize yourself with the [Learning for Justice Speak Up At School protocol](#) (Interrupt, Question, Educate, Echo). At the same time, it is important to not slip into proselytizing or shaming students who have received very different messages about gender expression. Keep in mind the purposes stated above.

### **Plot Summary:**

Harvey Milk was a visionary who wanted equal rights for everyone, including LGBTQ+ individuals. He did many things in his life including holding an elected office. On June 25, 1978, history was made when a new flag unfurled in San Francisco. From that moment forward, the rainbow flag would serve as a symbol of hope and pride for the millions of LGBTQ individuals across the world. Learn about the life of the Pride Flag, from its beginnings with civil rights leader Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world.

### **Discussion Framing:**

Today we're going to listen to a book read aloud together. I want us to remember some of our classroom / community agreements (e.g. respect each other, stay curious about each other, help each other listen).

### **Video Link:**

[Video Read Aloud Link](#)

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What were some things that Harvey Milk accomplished?
- In the book, Harvey wanted people to feel like they belonged to a community. What are some things that communities do to help people feel like they belong?
- How do you feel when you belong?
- What are actions you can take to someone feel welcome into our classroom community?

- In the book, Harvey wanted people to have hope. Thinking about all we have heard and talked about, what is something that gives you hope for the future of our classroom community?

**Wrap Up (if needed):**

“In the book, Harvey Milk wanted everyone to have hope and know that they had a place to belong. There are all different kinds of people in the world, and our classroom is a place for all of us.”