

Indiana Disability History Project
**From Segregation to Integration: Oral History about
the Education of Children with Disabilities**

A GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS: OVERVIEW

This series of four lesson plans is designed to provide Grade 4-6 teachers with ready-to-use classroom materials about the historical experience of children with disabilities in Indiana. The series draws from primary sources comprising video interviews from the [Indiana Disability History Project](#)'s online oral history collection.

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- Lesson Plan 1: Children with Disabilities in the Age of Institutions
- Lesson Plan 2: Educating Children with Disabilities without Public Schools
- Lesson Plan 3: Students with Disabilities in Segregated Public Education
- Lesson Plan 4: The Integration of Students with Disabilities into Classrooms

Target Grade Levels: Grades 4 – 6

Indiana Academic Standards: The series is flexible in its classroom applications. Its content aligns with the 4th grade Indiana in the Nation and the World/Standard 1 History topics “Contemporary Indiana: 1950 – Present” and “Chronological Thinking, Historical Comprehension, Analysis and Interpretation, Research.”

Approximate Length of Lessons: 40 minutes

How to Use the Lessons

- All four lesson plans can be presented sequentially within four classroom periods. Lesson plan content is based upon chronological developments in Indiana’s history.
- One or more individual lesson plans can be selected to be used on a “standalone” basis.
- Although it can be used year-round, the series is well suited for weekly presentation during [Disability Awareness Month](#), observed annually in Indiana during March.
- Each Lesson includes several short, captioned video interview excerpts. Each video is introduced with a Guiding Question for students to think about as they watch, and Things to Know (historical facts related to the excerpt). Discussion questions and a glossary of terms complete the lesson. An optional short quiz for each lesson is available on Kahoot.com.

Lesson Materials

Teachers can download the following files for each of the four lessons at <https://www.indianadisabilityhistory.org/eduprod>.

- PDF of PowerPoint slides for presentation during the class period
- Lesson Plan: overview lesson with content summary for each video clip, links to Kahoot quizzes
- Teacher Notes: includes screenshots for each slide with accompanying information
- Discussion/Debrief Guide: possible answers for discussion questions

Technical Requirements

- Your classroom may need a visual display with Internet connection, granting access to YouTube online. All video clips are available via YouTube.

- The computer you use must have an internet browser and a pdf viewing software such as Acrobat Reader.

But first...

Take a Brief Tour of the Indiana Disability History Project Website

The Indiana Disability History Project (IDHP) online collection features first-hand testimonies highlighting the struggle for disability rights, the evolution of disability-related legislation, policy, and services; and the rich contributions of the state's disability leaders, advocates, and citizens with disabilities. This six-minute video will introduce you to the website's exhibits and collections. It is strongly suggested as a useful introduction to the content of the lesson plans: <https://www.indianadisabilityhistory.org/about>

Other Resources

Journey to Full Citizenship: Indiana's Disability History is a video overview of 200 years of change in the lives of Hoosiers with disabilities, produced by the IDHP. A broad survey starting in the 19th century, the short video highlights the role of advocacy in pressing for legislation and policy changes needed to secure the civil rights of Indiana's citizens with disabilities: <https://www.indianadisabilityhistory.org/items/show/352>.



About the Indiana Disability History Project

The IDHP has been conducting video interviews of Hoosiers with disabilities and their allies since 2012. Carried out by Indiana University's **Center for Health Equity** at the **Indiana Institute on Disability and Community**, the project is documenting the history of disability in Indiana, preserving the memories and experiences of its citizens with disabilities. You can find the project's exhibits, online collection, and a two-hundred-year history timeline at <https://www.indianadisabilityhistory.org/>.

Contact the Project: indianadisabilityhistory@gmail.com **Social Media:** IDHP is on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).



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