

Learning About Dorothy Pitman Hughes

Student Directions: Read the passage. Use the vocabulary definitions to help you. Next, answer the questions below.



Dorothy Pitman Hughes was born in 1938 and grew up in Lumpkin, Georgia. When Dorothy was only 10 years old, her father was badly beaten because he was black. Dorothy decided she wanted to fight against **racism** because of how African Americans were being treated. She believed all people should be treated equal.

Vocabulary

co-found: to start an organization with someone else

equal rights: the same basic rights or freedoms

Gloria Steinem: one of the leaders of the American feminist movement

injustice: unfair treatment

racism: poor treatment or violence against people because of their race

As a young woman, Dorothy noticed that many parents could not pay for childcare. She wanted kids to be safe and parents to be able to work. So Dorothy started a daycare in her home to help. She went on to **co-found** New York City's Agency for Child Development. She also helped children by creating community food gardens.

In the early 1970s, Dorothy began working with **Gloria Steinem**. Dorothy and Gloria believed that all people should have **equal rights**. They traveled the world and spoke up against **injustice**. They wanted to make the world a better place.

Dorothy Pitman Hughes is an important civil rights activist, entrepreneur, author, and feminist. She has spent her life working toward a brighter future for everyone. What will you do to help your community?

Why did Dorothy want to fight against racism?

One reason Dorothy wanted to fight against racism was _____

Name _____

Date _____

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Use information from the text to write about two ways Dorothy helped children.

Dorothy helped children by...

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Use information from the text to write about how Dorothy and Gloria worked together as a team. Next, draw a picture of a time you worked with someone or were on a team.

Write about it

Draw a picture

Think about some of the inspirational people in your life. How do they make the world a better place?
How can you make the world a better place?
