The Children’s Crusade in Birmingham, Alabama

1. Look at the five photos of the Children’s Crusade by taken by Civil Rights photographer Charles Moore. List details from each of the five photos below.

2. Imagine you were one of the students protesting, list the emotions you would have felt.


Write Your Letter from a Birmingham Jail
In April of 1963 Dr. King was put into a Birmingham jail for leading a march protesting segregation. While he sat in jail, he wrote his famous “Letter from a Birmingham Jail,” where he explained why protest was necessary, and why “justice too long delayed is justice denied.”

Imagine you were a teenager in the Children’s Crusade in Birmingham. You have been arrested. As you sit in your cell write a letter to a friend who did not participate. Use the details from the notes you took explaining why you chose to participate in the march, what happened on the march and how you feel waiting in your jail cell.