



Diane Nash searched for a way to challenge segregation at Fisk University in Tennessee. Nash emerged as a leader in the local civil rights movement due to her well-spoken, composed manner. In 1960 at age twenty-two, she became the leader of the Nashville sit-ins. The Nashville sit-ins spread to 69 cities across the United States and challenged segregation in restaurants and retail stores. Nash used her **freedoms of speech and assembly** to coordinate activist events throughout the 60s with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Freedom Riders, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.