BLACK HISTORY IN THE UNITED STATES

1793

The rise of the cotton industry leads to increased demand for slaves. The fugitive slave act, makes it a federal crime to help a slave trying to escape..

1857

Dred Scott case: the U.S. Supreme Court decreeing that slaves are not citizens.

1896

The U.S. Supreme Court establishes the separate but equal doctrine.

1920

Harlem Reinaissance

1947

Jackie Robinson is the first African-American to play on a major league team.

1955

Emmett Till's murder; Claudette Colvin and Rosa Parks

1964

Civil Rights Act

1968

Fair Housing Act,

Martin Luther King's assassination.

1986

Oprah Winfrey launches her talk show.

1995

Million Man March

2008

Barack Obama becomes the 44th U.S. President.

1619

Slavery comes to North America

1831

Nat Turner's Revolt, growth of abolitionism, and the Underground Railroad

1861-1865

Civil War and emancipation. About 186,000 black soldiers joined the Union Army over the course of the war, and 38,000 lost their lives.

1909

NAACP is founded with the goals of abolishing forced segregation, enforcing the 14th and 15th amendments, and equal education.

1941-45

Over 3 miillion African Americans register for service. The Tuskegee Airmen fly over 3,000 missions but continue to face discrimination.

1954

Brown v. Board of Education

1963

Birmingham church bombed; Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

1965

Malcolm X's assasination.

1972

Shirley Chisholm runs for president.

1992

Los Angeles riots.

2001

Colin Powell becomes secretary of state.

2020

Black Lives Matter movement gains momentum