


BLACK HISTORY IN THE UNITED STATES

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- 1619**
Slavery comes to North America
 - 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..
 - 1831**
Nat Turner's Revolt, growth of abolitionism, and the Underground Railroad
 - 1857**
Dred Scott case: the U.S. Supreme Court decreeing that slaves are not citizens.
 - 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.
 - 1896**
The U.S. Supreme Court establishes the separate but equal doctrine.
 - 1909**
NAACP is founded with the goals of abolishing forced segregation, enforcing the 14th and 15th amendments, and equal education.
 - 1920**
Harlem Renaissance
 - 1941-45**
Over 3 million African Americans register for service. The Tuskegee Airmen fly over 3,000 missions but continue to face discrimination.
 - 1947**
Jackie Robinson is the first African-American to play on a major league team.
 - 1954**
Brown v. Board of Education
 - 1955**
Emmett Till's murder; Claudette Colvin and Rosa Parks
 - 1963**
Birmingham church bombed; Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.
 - 1964**
Civil Rights Act
 - 1965**
Malcolm X's assassination.
 - 1968**
Fair Housing Act, Martin Luther King's assassination.
 - 1972**
Shirley Chisholm runs for president.
 - 1986**
Oprah Winfrey launches her talk show.
 - 1992**
Los Angeles riots.
 - 1995**
Million Man March
 - 2001**
Colin Powell becomes secretary of state.
 - 2008**
Barack Obama becomes the 44th U.S. President.
 - 2020**
Black Lives Matter movement gains momentum