

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 Rebellion. 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.
- 1893**
Daniel Hale Williams performs the first successful heart surgery
- 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 uprising.
- 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