

# 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