

# 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.