

# Civil Rights Movement

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# Brown vs Board of Education - 1954



A Supreme Court ruling that declared that laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students unconstitutional.

\*Supreme Court -the highest judicial court in a country or state.

# Emmett Till - 1955



An African-American boy from Chicago who was murdered in Mississippi for reportedly flirting with a white woman.

# Rosa Parks - 1955



She refused to obey a bus driver's orders to give up her seat in the colored section of the bus to a white passenger. She was arrested. Her act of defiance sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

# Montgomery Bus Boycott - 1956



Black citizens of Montgomery boycotted the public bus system, refusing to ride the city buses to protest against racial segregation for more than a year.



# Little Rock Nine 1957



A group of African-American students who were enrolled in Little Rock Central High School. Students were initially prevented from entering the school by Arkansas's Governor, Orval Faubus. President Eisenhower sent federal troops to force integration and to protect the nine students. The students were subject to a year of verbal and physical abuse.

# Greensboro Sit-In - 1960



Four students sat down at the lunch counter at the Woolworth store in Greensboro, North Carolina. They were refused service at the "white only" counter and were asked to leave. The four stayed until closing. The next day twenty more black students joined the protest and by the fourth day more than 300 people participated. The movement then spread to other stores in other cities.

# Ruby Bridges attends new school - 1960



The first black child to attend an all- white elementary school in New Orleans in 1960.

# The Civil Rights Act of 1960



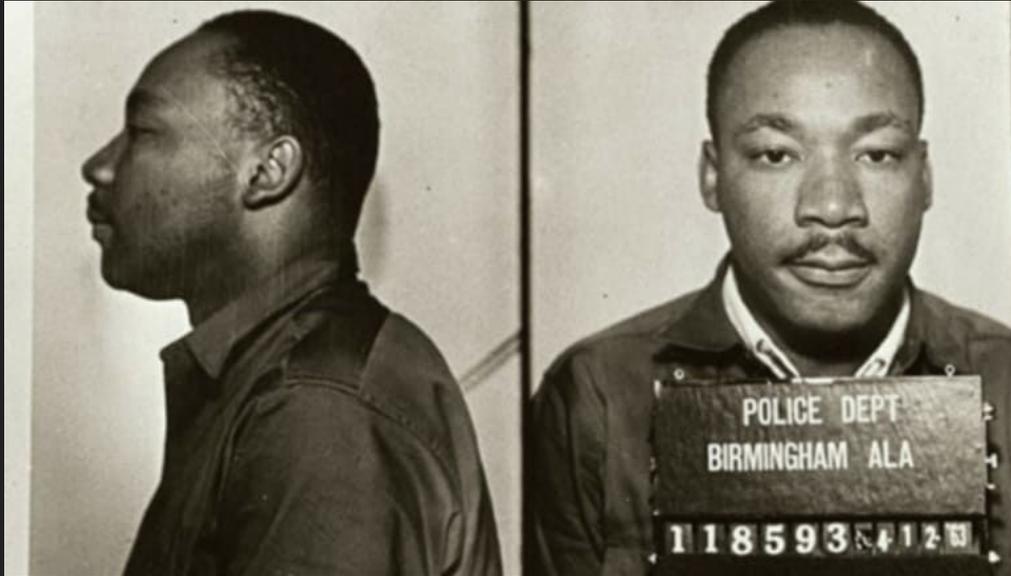
Is a United States federal law that established federal inspection of local voter registration polls and introduced penalties for anyone who got in the way of someone's attempt to register to vote.

# Freedom Rides - 1961



Was a person who challenged racial laws in the American South in the 1960s, originally by refusing to abide by the laws designating that seating in buses be segregated by race.

# Martin Luther King- A letter from a Birmingham Jail - 1963



I have traveled the length and breadth of Alabama, Mississippi and all the other southern states. On sweltering summer days and crisp autumn mornings I have looked at the South's beautiful churches with their lofty spires pointing heavenward. I have beheld the impressive outlines of her massive religious education buildings. Over and over I have found myself asking: "What kind of people worship here? Who is their God? Where were their voices when the lips of Governor Barnett dripped with words of interposition and nullification? Where were they when Governor Wallace gave a clarion call for defiance and hatred? Where were their voices of support when bruised and weary Negro men and women decided to rise from the dark dungeons of complacency to the bright hills of creative protest?"

Yes, these questions are still in my mind. In deep disappointment I have wept over the laxity of the church. But be assured that my tears have been tears of love. There can be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love. Yes, I love the church. How could I do otherwise? I am in the rather unique position of being the son, the grandson and the great grandson of preachers. Yes, I see the church as the body of Christ. But, oh! How we have been bleached and scarred that body through social neglect and through fear of being nonconformists.

Letter from Birmingham Jail, April 16, 1963

Martin Luther King, Jr.

# March On Washington - 1963



A large political rally for human rights that called for civil and economic rights for African Americans. It is estimated that 200-300,000 people attended. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech.

# John F. Kennedy Assassinated - 1963



The violence in Birmingham proved that Kennedy's approach to civil rights had failed.

# Voting Rights Act- 1965



Federal legislation signed by President Lyndon Johnson that prohibits discrimination in voting. It established federal oversight over elections

# Martin Luther King Assassinated - 1968

