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| <p>1941 Executive Order 8802 forbids racial discrimination in defense industries and government</p> <p>1946 In <i>Morgan v. Virginia</i>, U.S. Supreme Court rules that segregation on interstate buses is unconstitutional
President Harry Truman creates the Committee on Civil Rights</p> <p>1947 Jackie Robinson becomes the first African American on a major league baseball team</p> <p>1948 President Truman issues executive order desegregating the armed forces</p> <p>1954 In <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i>, Supreme Court rules segregated schools inherently unequal</p> <p>1955 Supreme Court rules that school desegregation must proceed "with all deliberate speed"
Montgomery bus boycott begins</p> <p>1956 Montgomery bus boycott ends in victory as the Supreme Court affirms a district court ruling that segregation on buses is unconstitutional</p> <p>1957 Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is founded
President Dwight Eisenhower sends in federal troops to protect African American students integrating Little Rock, Arkansas, high school</p> <p>1960 Sit-in movement begins as four college students sit at a lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, and ask to be served
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) founded</p> | <p>1960 Board of Indian Commissioners is created
Buffalo Bill, the King of the Border Men, sets off "Wild West" publishing craze</p> <p>1961 Freedom Rides begin</p> <p>1962 James Meredith integrates the University of Mississippi
The Albany movement fails to end segregation in Albany, Georgia</p> <p>1963 SCLC initiates campaign to desegregate Birmingham, Alabama
Medgar Evers, leader of the Mississippi NAACP, is assassinated
March on Washington; Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers his historic "I Have a Dream" speech</p> <p>1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer project brings students to Mississippi to teach and register voters
President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964
Civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, James Chaney, and Andrew Goodman are found buried in Philadelphia, Mississippi
Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) is denied seats at the 1964 Democratic Presidential Convention</p> <p>1965 SCLC and SNCC begin voter registration campaign in Selma, Alabama
Malcolm X is assassinated
Civil rights marchers walk from Selma to Montgomery
Voting Rights Act of 1965 is signed into law</p> |
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