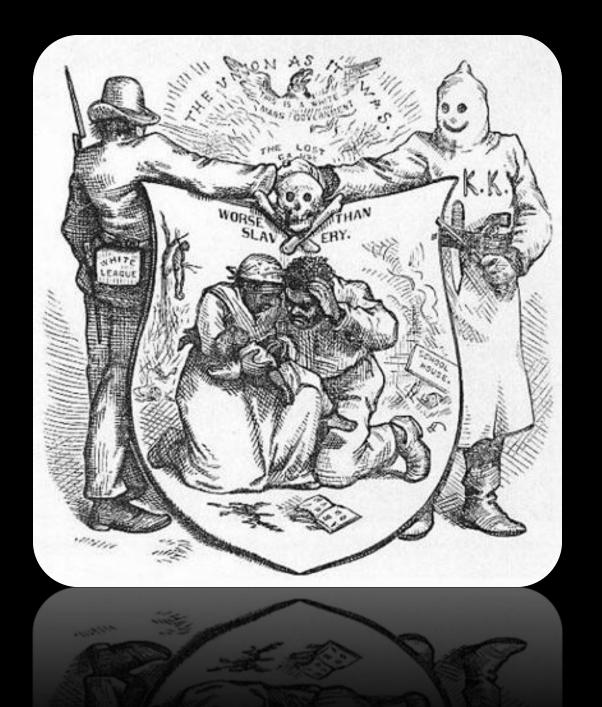
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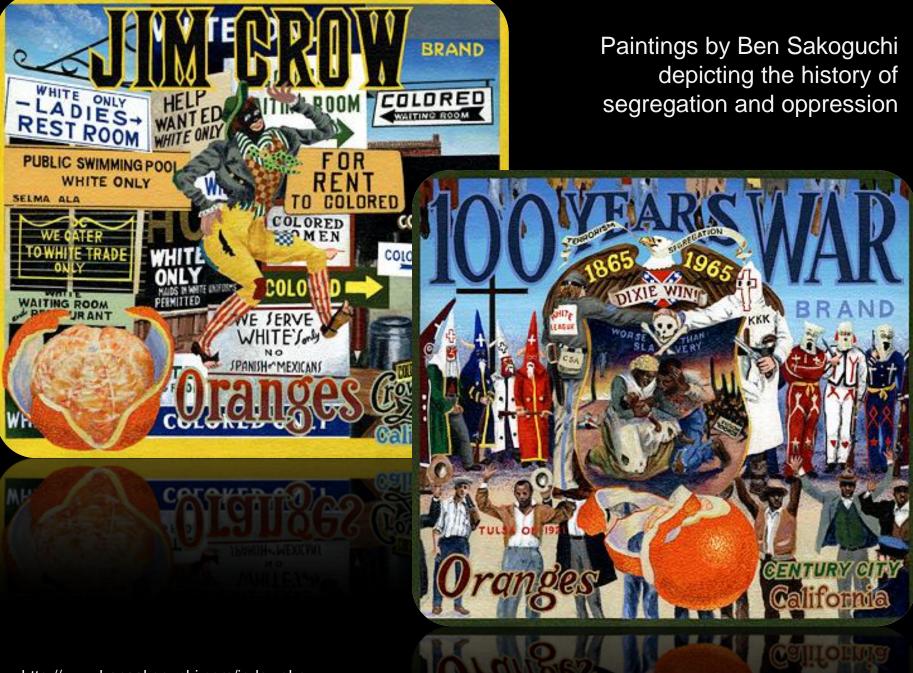
Post Civil War Equality

- 13th Amendment ended slavery
- 14th Amendment gave all people born in the U.S. or naturalized individuals citizenship and equal protection under the Constitution
- 15th Amendment gave Americans the right to vote regardless of race, color, or previous conditions of servitude



Origins of Segregation

- Jim Crow laws
 - Established after the Civil War during Reconstruction
 - Laws established in the South to separate blacks and whites in public and private facilities
 - Poll taxes, literacy tests, and grandfather clauses used to keep African Americans from voting
- Black Codes
 - Discriminatory laws severely restricting African American lives, prohibiting such activities as traveling without permits, carrying weapons, serving on juries, testifying against whites, and marrying whites
- Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)
 - Supreme Court case establishing "separate but equal" was ok in the United States
 - Lasts for more than 50 years in the U.S.



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Why Civil Rights Movement?

- World War II, African Americans felt U.S. fought for freedoms abroad, but did nothing about the situation at home
- Growing educated middle class of African Americans
- Segregation and discrimination were Ideologically opposed to the fight against communism around the world



Origins of the Civil Rights Movement

- President Truman
 - Tries to avoids issue of Civil Rights to preserve support amongst Southern whites.
 - 1947 Presidential Committee on Civil Rights
 - Created report *To Secure These Rights* calling for an end to discrimination in federal hiring practices
 - Truman endorses the plan, issues executive order to end segregation in the military
 - Looses support amongst Southern whites, but increases support amongst African Americans



EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EQUALITY OF TREATMENT AND OPPORTUNITY IN THE ARMED SERVICES

WHEREAS it is essential that there be maintained in the armed services of the United States the highest standards of democracy, with equality of treatment and opportunity for all those who serve in our country's defense:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, by the Constitution and the statutes of the United States, and as Commander in Chief of the armed services, it is hereby ordered as follows:

 It is hereby declared to be the policy of the President that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin. This policy shall be put into effect as rapidly as possible, having due regard to the time required to effectuate any necessary changes without impairing efficiency or morale.

2. There shall be created in the National Military Establishment an advisory committee to be known as the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services, which shall be composed of seven members to be designated by the President.

3. The Committee is authorized on behalf of the President to examine into the rules, procedures and practices of the armed services in order to determine in what respect such rules, procedures and practices may be altered or improved with a view to carrying out the policy of this order. The Committee shall confer and advise with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary

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- Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka (1954)
 - Supreme Court case overturning *Plessy v. Ferguson* declares segregation illegal.
 - Led to desegregation of schools in the South.
 - Many Southern states refused to comply
- President Eisenhower
 - Backs Civil Rights Act of 1957 and 1960
 - Makes Civil Rights Commission permanent
 - Adds Civil Rights Division to the Department of Justice to combat disenfranchisement of black voters



Little Rock Nine

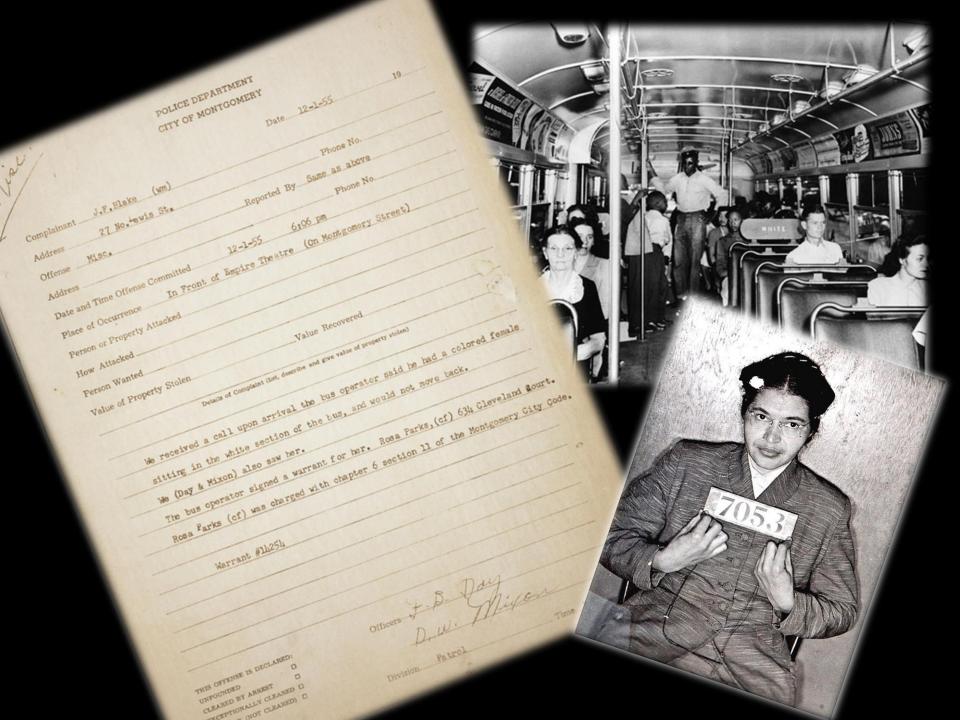
- 1957 nine African American students attempted to enroll in Little Rock Central High School
- Angry mobs of whites blocked the entrance to the school supported by the state
- Eisenhower sent troops to Little Rock to escort the students into the school
 - Showed the federal government supported desegregation



The Movement Begins

Montgomery Bus Boycotts

- December 1955 Montgomery Alabama
- Rosa Parks, a black woman, refused to give up her seat to a white man
 - Parks was arrested
- NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) immediately filed a lawsuit against the city
- African American community boycotted the city bus services and organized carpools walked to work
- City bus revenues (earnings) drop by 60%
- Boycott lasts for 381 days, leads to desegregation of the public transportation system



Martin Luther King Jr.

- 26 year-old minister of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church
- Chosen to be the spokes person for boycott
- Promoted nonviolent civil disobedience even in the face of danger and violence
- 1957 formed the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) to promote the idea of nonviolent civil disobedience throughout the South

Planned movement and organized protests

Branches were established in key southern cities

SNCC

- Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee "Snick"
- Organized by young college students to support the Civil Rights movement
- Supported MLK's desire of nonviolent civil disobedience
- Used a variety of methods to protest such as sit-ins, freedom rides, and voter registration drives





Sit-ins

- Young African Americans and white supporters would sit at white-only lunch counters and refuse to move until they were served or arrested
 - Often televised, it brought the violence against African Americans to all Americans
 - Protestors endured arrests, beatings, suspensions from school, tear gas, fire hoses, and police brutality

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• By late 1960 sit-ins led to desegregation at lunch counters in 48 cities in 11 states.



Birmingham Alabama

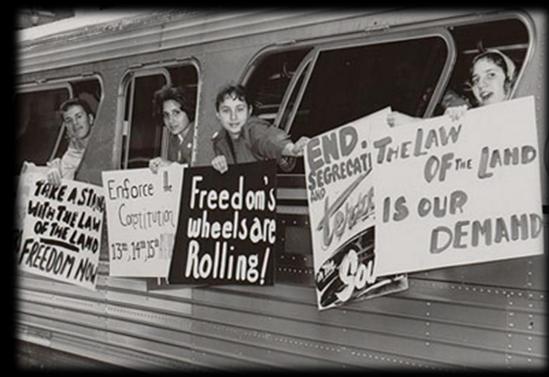
- 1963 Martin Luther King Jr. begins a campaign to desegregate the city
- Protestors used sit-ins, marches, and boycotts
- King and many of his fellow demonstrators were arrested repeatedly
 - Other demonstrators simply took their place
- White resistance to the movement increased and often became violent
 - King's home was bombed
 - Police attacked demonstrators, used fire hoses, and attack dogs against demonstrators
 - Bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church killing 4 children
- Played out on TV and newspapers, angered many Americans
- City officials reluctantly end segregation



Freedom Summer and Freedom Riders

- Organized by CORE (Congress for Racial Equality)
 Two buses began in northern states destined for the South
- Tested the Supreme Court ban on segregated seating on interstate bus routes and segregated facilities in bus terminals.
- Riders on Bus One were attacked and severely beaten once they crossed into Alabama.
 - Bus Two was fire bombed by white protestors after it had blown a tire and was forced to pull over
 - Bus company refused to allow the freedom riders to continue









Freedom Rides Continue

- SNCC volunteers organized a second ride from Nashville to Jackson Mississippi
- Upon arrival in Birmingham, the riders were beaten and driven back to Tennessee, but they returned to Birmingham
- U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy convinced the bus company to allow the rides to continue
- Riders were once again attacked upon arrival in Montgomery
- Newspapers and television covered the attacks which outraged many Americans
- President Kennedy orders 400 federal marshals to protect the riders for the remainder of their journey
- Interstate Commerce Commission banned segregation in all interstate travel facilities (waiting rooms, restrooms, lunch counters)

March on Washington

- Martin Luther King led 200,000 civil rights activists to Washington DC
- Show of their support for the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- King delivers his "I Have A Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial
- The event is televised, brings civil rights issues to the doorstep of the government



Word frequency for MLK's "I Have A Dream" Speech delivered at the Lincoln Memorial

Selma Alabama

- 1965 King and his supporters plan a march from Selma to Montgomery
- Goal to publicize the disenfranchisement of the black vote
- As soon as the march began Alabama state troopers attacked the marches
- President Lyndon Johnson sent out the Alabama National Guard to protect the marchers



Government Action

- Civil Rights Act of 1964 the act effectively ended legal segregation and discrimination.
 - Ended in public places such as hotels, restaurants, and schools
 - Equal Employment Opportunity Commission created preventing racial and gender discrimination in the work place
- Voting Rights Act of 1965 allowed African Americans to register to vote quickly and easily without fear of reprisal

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Civil Rights Bill Becomes Law

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Times Staff Writer

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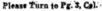
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Movement Splits

- Division grows between the Southern (voting rights) and Northern (poverty) African Americans
- Beginning in 1964 race riots break out in major cities (Watts, Detroit, and DC) with no goal except express frustration and outrage over economic inequality in America

Malcolm X

- Promoted black pride and self reliance amongst African Americans
 - Self defense against white violence
 - Separation from white society
- Becomes a prominent spokesman for the movement after joining the Nation of Islam
- After his pilgrimage to Mecca he begins to promote the idea of "Ballots or Bullets"
- February 21, 1965 Malcolm X was assasinated

End of an Era

- November 22, 1963 President John F. Kennedy is assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas Texas
- April 3, 1968 Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated by James Earl Ray
- June 1968 Robert Kennedy was assassinated while campaigning for the presidency by a Jordanian immigrant over U.S. support of Israel

Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement

- Ended segregation by bringing legal protection to the civil rights of all Americans.
- Civil Rights Act of 1968
 - Ended discrimination in housing
- African Americans gain greater pride in their racial identity
- By 1970 2/3 of eligible African Americans were registered to vote
- Affirmative action programs put in place to protect civil rights of Americans