**Civil Rights Legislation**

**Civil Rights Act, 1964** Racial discrimination banned in jobs, black students equal rights to enter public places. Equal Employment Opportunities Commission set up to investigate complaints of discrimination.

**Voting Rights Act, 1965** Stopped racial discrimination over the right to vote. Ended Literacy tests.

**Supreme Court ruling, 1967** Supreme Court ruled that state laws banning interracial marriages unconstitutional.

**Fair Housing Act, 1968** Made racial discrimination illegal in the property market.

**Martin Luther King**

*Dominant figure in the campaign for civil rights was the Reverend Dr Martin Luther King, Minister of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.*

*Beliefs and methods*

*Bus Boycott, 1955*

*Southern Christian Leadership Conference*

*Birmingham March, 1963*

*March on Washington, 1963*

*Nobel Peace Prize, 1964*

*Selma to Birmingham marches, 1965*

*Assassination*

**Malcolm X**

Born Malcolm Little, son of preacher who was murdered by white supremacists, 1952 joined Nation of Islam in prison. Rejected MLK’s peaceful methods, believed violence justifiable to secure a separate black nation. Good speaker, young urban black Americans followed him. Left Nation of Islam in 1964, formed Muslim Mosque Inc & black nationalist Organisation of Afro-American Unity. Encouraged Black Power & Panthers. Shot dead by National of Islam in 1965.

**Public Transport**

*Montgomery Bus Boycott, 1955-56*

*Freedom Rides, 1961*

**Education**

*Brown v Topeka Board of Education, 1954*

*Little Rock, 1957*

*James Meredith, 1962*

**Key Words**

Segregation

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SNCC

**Contribution of black Americans in WWI**

***Front Line***

1944 black soldiers not allowed to be in marines, held menial positions in army and navy. Air force didn’t have black pilots until formation of Tuskegee Airmen, by the end of the war there were 1000 black pilots.

***Home Front***

1941 Roosevelt set up Fair Employment Practices Committee to avoid race riots – banned discrimination again black Americans in government factories. Important step forward. 1944, 2million black people in war factories. Double V campaign. Membership of NAACP rose from 50,000 to 450,000 during the war.

***Impact of war on Civil Rights***

1946 as part of *Fair Deal* Truman set up a civil rights committee. Proposed anti-lynching bill and abolition of black Americans having to prove tax payment to vote. Opposed so unable to implement. But, gave NAACP encouragement so they started to challenge laws in courts in the 1950s.

**Black Power & Black Panthers**

Black power movement emerged out of anger, high unemployment and poverty. Stokely Carmichael lead spokesperson.

1966 Carmichael chairman of SNCC, he adopted slogan ‘black is beautiful’ and encouraged pride in heritage and black culture.

1968 Carmichael joined Black Panthers, along with Bobby Seale & Huey Newton, they wore uniforms and aimed for a socialist society. Had a 10 point plan. Did help reduce poverty in schools and prisons.

1968 Mexico Olympics, members of Black Panthers make a black hand salute – it gave the movement international publicity.

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