



African American History TimeLine

- 1619 - The first African American indentured servants arrived in the American colonies
- 1739 - The Stono Rebellion one of the earliest slave revolts, occurs in Stono, South Carolina
- 1793 - Eli Whitney's cotton gin increases the need for slaves
- 1808 – Congress bans further importation of slaves
- 1831- 1861- Approximately 75,000 slaves escaped to the North using the Underground Railroad
- 1846 - Ex- slave Frederick Douglass publishes the anti- slavery North Star
- 1861 - South secedes from Union and The Civil War begins * 1865 Civil War ends
- 1870 - The 15 Amendment is ratified giving African American the right to vote
- 1909 - NAACP is founded
- 1926 - "Negro History Week" was established by Carter G. Woodson**
- 1941 - The Tuskegee Army Airfield were the first Black Military Aviators
- 1954 - Brown v Board of Education case; strikes down segregation as unconstitutional
- 1957 - Martin Luther King, Jr. and others set up the Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- 1963 - Four young Black girls were killed in the bombing of a Birmingham Church
- 1964 - The Civil Rights Act is signed, prohibiting discrimination of all kinds
- 1965 - President Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act
- 1968 - Martin Luther King, Jr is assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee
- 1972 - Shirley Chisholm is the first major –party Black candidate to run for President
- 1986 - Oprah Winfrey launches a syndicated talk show
- 1995 - Million Man March
- 1999 - Franklin Raines was the first Black CEO of a Fortune 500
- 2009 - Barack Obama becomes first African American President**
- 2020 - Kamala Harris became the first African American Vice President**