

#1

Black Slavery

1619-1865

For almost 250 years, American law and custom held that Black men, women, and children were property to be owned, bought, sold, and exploited. Nearly 4 million Black Americans were enslaved by the time of the Civil War.

https://youtu.be/3NXC4Q_4JVg?si=7JXZaTQCOdTHVJd2

#2

Black Abolitionists

1770s-1870s

Black Abolitionists were the first people to work for an immediate end of slavery and for genuine equality, regardless of skin color. Hundreds of male and female Black abolitionists risked their lives in their open pursuit of these goals.

<https://youtu.be/P3Hw1ogXAXM?si=ikOOF8Dz9cgX0-OS>

#3

Reconstruction

1867-1877

With U.S. troops offering some protection against White Southern violence, Black Americans worked for wages or for themselves, went to school, voted, and won elective office. But White America's will to stop White violence faded, leading to the apartheid regime of Jim Crow.

<https://youtu.be/CjetWrsQb-E>

#4

The Jim Crow Era

1870s - 1960s

State and local laws and customs that enforced with violence the segregation and discrimination against Black Americans, treating them as second-class citizens to be exploited.

<https://youtu.be/gGHf3gTaJyg?si=2XsExO8I2i6ZRZAF>

#5

The Great Migration

1916-1970

The relocation of over 6 million Black Americans from the rural South to urban areas in the North, Midwest, and West driven by better economic opportunities and the desire to escape racial discrimination and violence.

<https://youtu.be/Q5vYbFL7OHI?list=TLPQMjgwMzlwMjWuDsu9YqJjsw>

#6

The Harlem Renaissance

1910s - 1930s

An intellectual and cultural revival of Black American music, dance, art, fashion, literature, and scholarship centered in Harlem, New York City, which was the most popular destination of those in the Great Migration.

<https://youtu.be/9gboEyri02g>

#7

Black Americans in the military

1770s - Present

Black Americans have a long and significant history of service in the U.S. military, serving in every war and conflict, often facing discrimination and segregation, but also winning praise on the battlefield and earning the nation's highest honors.

<https://youtu.be/ZJPIXHyQzPo>

#8

Lynchings

More than 4,400 Black Americans were lynched across 20 states between 1877 and 1950. Additionally, entire Black American communities were attacked and hundreds murdered (e.g. Tulsa, OK; Elaine, AR; Rosewood, FL) as a means of maintaining White Supremacy.

<https://youtu.be/1PxAcnfrMow>

<https://youtu.be/QNdKiOgHfag>

#9

Culver City...a Sundown Town

Culver City was a "sundown town" that excluded Black and other non-White Americans from owning property in the city and even

remaining in town after sunset. Those found in town after dark risked harassment and violence from the public and the police.

https://youtu.be/mn_3ABYciyw?si=KvnAoMfTkOx1LD5O

#10

Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s was a period of intense struggle for racial equality, marked by nonviolent protests, legal challenges, and landmark legislation. Progress was made in spite of the great and often lethal backlash opposing it.

https://youtu.be/hCxE6i_SzoQ?list=TLPQMjgwMzlwMjXCLV2raYxJRQ

#11

Attack on Voting Rights

In 2013 the Supreme Court, in *Shelby v. Holder*, allowed states with a history of race discrimination to make voting changes without federal approval. Since then, at least 29 states have

passed 94 laws that make it more difficult for communities of color to vote.

https://youtu.be/-X2u2W_R4sY

#12

Black Lives Matter

A national movement dedicated to highlighting and combating racism and racial inequality, BLM has led protests over the murders of Trayvon Martin, Rekia Boyd, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd and too many others.

<https://youtu.be/ml7eHX9u4Q0?si=vjTKUAXHnRj0EEzi>

#13

Vital Statistics

Life expectancy: Black Americans—70.8 years; White Americans— 76.4 years (2021)

Maternal mortality rates: Black women 3.5 times more likely to die in childbirth than White women (2023)

Median wealth: Black families—\$44,900; White families—\$285,000 (2022)

Incarceration rates: About 5 times higher for Black Americans than for White Americans (2020)

<https://youtu.be/AjQBgBcbOyQ?si=ykCkIH-itLbelGt8>

#14

Resilience and Joy

Black Americans have shown remarkable courage, creativity, entrepreneurship, patriotism, love, determination, resilience and joy in the face of daunting historical forces bent on excluding them from the American Dream.

<https://youtu.be/SKBwJgQ-btc?si=0R5G-jocxz55d-3O>
