

Way Back

1619—1st African Slaves arrive in Jamestown

1861-65—**Civil War**

1865-77—**Reconstruction**

- Slavery abolished (**13th** amendment)
- African Americans = Citizens (**14th** amend)
- African Americans can vote (**15th** amend)

...then nothing until the 1950s!

Big Idea > Facts

African Americans used multiple strategies to achieve equality:

- **Legal** (use the courts)
- **Political** (vote for change)
- **Civic** (Protest, Boycott)



1960—**Sit-ins.** Students across the nation protest segregated restaurants.

1965—**Bloody Sunday.** Police attack protesters in Selma.

1954—**Brown v. Board of Education.** Supreme Court rules to end segregation.

1956—**Montgomery bus Boycott.** Started by Rosa Parks. End Public segregation of Busses.

1963—**March on Washington.** MLK gives “dream” speech.

1968— **Civil Rights Act of 1968.** Housing discrimination is illegal.

1955—Murder of **Emmitt Till.** Mass Media coverage brings nationwide attention to civil rights movement

1957—**Little Rock 9.** Arkansas schools desegregate with help from the army.

1961—**Freedom Rides.** Volunteers travel from all over the country to end segregation.

1964-**Civil Rights Act.** Public discrimination is illegal.

1965— **Voting Rights Act.** Voting discrimination is illegal.