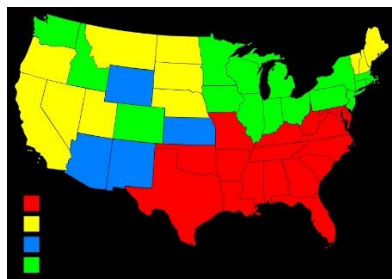


KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

The Civil Rights Movement in the USA

Summary of the Civil Rights Movement



Slavery was abolished in the USA in 1865 but did black Americans really have equality?

Racism in America (and in other countries) is a legacy of the trans-Atlantic slave trade of the 18th century as many were displaced from their country of birth and taken to the Americas where they remained and had families.

Black Americans were deemed to be lower-class citizens than white people and were not allowed to use the same public facilities. These included schools, parks, public transport, toilets etc.

They were often victimized and treated badly simply for having a different skin colour.

A new movement evolved which held non-violent protests to campaign for change and equality: The Civil Rights Movement under the leadership of Martin Luther King Jr.

Timeline of key events

1865	Abolishment of slavery in the USA.
1 st December 1955	Rosa Parks refuses to move seat on the bus to make way for a white person.
21 st December 1956	Buses were integrated although bus stops remained segregated.
28 th August 1963	Martin Luther King held The March on Washington and said his famous "I have a dream" speech.
1964	An Act was agreed to give black people equal rights.
1965	Black people were allowed to vote.
1968	Martin Luther King is assassinated aged 39.

Extra information

- Laws in many southern American states made the segregation of black and white people a legal requirement. Facilities provided for black Americans were inferior to those for white people.
- The Jim Crow's Laws only existed in southern states but the northern states of America were still full of inequality (but were not a legal requirement).

Key people

- **Claudette Colvin** – nine months before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, 15 year-old Claudette was arrested for the same reason.
- **Rosa Parks** – refused to give up her seat to a white person on a bus. Her defiance sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
- **Martin Luther King Jr** – was elected as president of the MIA and was inspired by Rosa Park's action to seek non-violent resistance to segregation. He emerged as a strong leader in the Civil Rights Movement.

Key vocabulary

- **Racism** the belief that some races are better than others and the (racist) actions that can happen from those beliefs.
- **Segregation** – the separation of black and white people in transport, education, housing and facilities.
- **Discrimination** – treating one group more unfairly than another.
- **Boycott** – refusing to use a service or buy goods in the hope that something will change for the good.
- **Montgomery Bus Boycott** – a boycott that lasted over 1 year whereby people refused to ride buses in Montgomery, Alabama, USA. 75% of these were black Africans.
- **Civil rights** - every person, regardless of their gender, skin colour, religion, nationality, age, disability or religion should not be discriminated against.
- **Jim Crow's Law** – a set of laws that made segregation a legal requirement in the southern states of the USA.
- **Integration** – the opposite of segregation; combining different groups of people fairly.
- **MIA** – Montgomery Improvement Association.

Add any additional words as you discover them. Remember to add their definition.

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome to Term 4.

Knowledge Organiser

Above is our Year 6 knowledge organiser for Term 6. As part of their homework and to consolidate their history knowledge, children are expected to learn the facts, dates, people and vocab etc ready for testing each week. In addition, children will continue to be tested on prior learning in year 6 and earlier year groups.

Homework

In addition to the homework listed below, I will be setting homework that supports our learning in school and is vital revision ready for our SATs tests next term. Please encourage your child to complete their homework.

Weekly homework is as follows and is an expectation for all:

A mix of quiet reading and reading out loud to an adult daily – please log this on Go Read.

Times Table Rockstars daily.

Spelling practise on Spelling Shed or using the paper copy found on our class page.

Knowledge Organiser – there will be a weekly test on this term's knowledge organiser and on organisers from previous terms/years.

Additional work may be set throughout the term.

PE

This term, our PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child's kit is always in school so that they are able to participate in this important part of our curriculum.

Mendip Activity Day

More details will follow in a letter. Please ensure you read it so that your child comes to school prepared with the relevant clothing etc.

Hooke Court – please note that all deposits (£50) should have been paid by 31st December and there are 5 x payments of £26 to pay thereafter which is due by Monday 1st May.

If you have any questions, please do come and see me or email me at yearsix@huttonceprimaryschool.co.uk

Mrs Scherer

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th February – INSET day

Tuesday 28th March – singing in church (children and staff only)

Wednesday 29th March – Spelling Bee at St Martin's Primary School