

GROUND ZERO4 AMERICANSTORIES

- 1590 LOST COLONY OFFICIALLY LOST*
- 1607 JAMESTOWN FOUNDED*
- 1619 1ST AFRICANS RECOGNIZED AS ANCESTORS OF TODAY'S BLACK MIDDLE CLASS, DISEMBARK AT FORT MONROE*
- 1622 PILGRIMS LAND AT PLYMOUTH ROCK
- 1640 SLAVERY LAWS DIRECTED AT AFRICAN PEOPLES START APPEARING IN THE CODE OF VIRGINIA*
- 1676 BACON'S REBELLION - ABOUT 1000 FORMER INDENTURED SERVANTS (POOR WHITES) & AFRICANS RISE UP* AGAINST VA GOV. WILLIAM BERKELEY FOR DOING NOTHING ABOUT INDIAN ATTACKS. THIS ALLIANCE BETWEEN WHITES & ENSLAVED BLACKS PROMPTED THE RULING CLASS TO LEGALLY HARDEN SLAVERY'S RACIAL CASTE.
- 1763 GEORGE WASHINGTON SURVEYS THE GREAT DISMAL SWAMP, A SIGNIFICANT UNDERGROUND RAILROAD SITE*
- 1775 PATRICK HENRY DEMANDS, "LIBERTY OR DEATH!" AT 2ND VA CONVENTION SECRETLY HELD IN RICHMOND AND* NOT IN THE CAPITOL AT WILLIAMSBURG
- 1776 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC ON JULY 4TH
- 1781 ENSLAVED PATRIOT JAMES ARMISTEAD LAFAYETTE, BASED IN PORTSMOUTH, VA, WAS THE 1ST AFRICAN AMERICAN DOUBLE AGENT. HE PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT HELPED WIN THE BATTLE OF YORKTOWN*
- 1789 THE 3/5s COMPROMISE PROTECTS SLAVERY IN THE CONSTITUTION & GEORGE WASHINGTON, A SLAVEHOLDER, BECOMES AMERICA'S 1ST PRESIDENT*
- 1800 GABRIEL PROSSER ALMOST SUCCEEDS WITH AN EXTENSIVELY PLANNED INSURRECTION
- 1808 U.S. STOPS IMPORTING AFRICANS AND OUTLAWS THE TRANS-ATLANTA SLAVE TRADE
- 1820 AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY SENDS ITS 1ST SHIP TO LIBERIA W/ MOSTLY VIRGINIANS*
- 1829 DAVID WALKER'S APPEAL PUBLISHED
- 1831 TRAIL OF TEARS (FORCED RELOCATIONS OF INDIAN COMMUNITIES) STARTS WITH THE CHOCTAW
- 1831 NAT TURNER INSURRECTION MARKS THE 1ST BATTLE OF THE CIVIL WAR*
- 1832 VA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FAILS BY 1 VOTE TO COMMENCE GRADUAL SLAVE EMANCIPATION*
- 1832 THE SEMINOLE ARE RELOCATED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
- 1834 THE CREEK ARE RELOCATED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
- 1837 THE CHICKASAW ARE RELOCATED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
- 1838 THE CHEROKEE ARE RELOCATED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
- 1849 HARRIET TUBMAN ESCAPES & SOON AFTER RETURNS TO HELP OTHERS VIA UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
- 1852 HARRIET BEECHER STOWE'S "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN" WHEN PUBLISHED PUTS A HUMAN FACE ON SLAVERY
- 1857 DRED SCOTT LOSES, U.S. SUPREME COURT WHICH RULES, "ENSLAVED & FREE BLACKS ARE PROPERTY"*
- 1859 JOHN BROWN'S RAID ON HARPER'S FERRY MARKS THE 2ND BATTLE OF THE CIVIL WAR*
- 1860 ABRAHAM LINCOLN ELECTED AMERICA'S 16TH PRESIDENT
- 1861 SOUTH CAROLINA COMMITS TREASON BY THE ACT OF SUCEDING FROM THE UNITED STATES UNION
- 1861 RICHMOND, VA DESIGNATED CAPITOL OF THE CONFEDERACY*
- 1861 FRANK BAKER, SHEPPARD MALLORY, JAMES TOWNSEND ESCAPE FROM THEIR OWNERS TO FORT MONROE WHERE THEY PETITION FOR THEIR FREEDOM AND ARE CLASSIFIED AS "CONTRABAND OF WAR" WHICH PUTS THEM, AND THE 1000s THAT FOLLOWED, ON THE PATH TO CITIZENSHIP ABOUT 6 WEEKS AFTER HOSTILITIES RAMPED UP AT FORT SUMTER, SC*
- 1863 LINCOLN SIGNS EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION & INDUCTS ALMOST 200,000 BLACK SOLDIERS INTO THE ARMY
- 1863 BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG & THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS MARK A MAJOR TURNING POINT IN THE CIVIL WAR
- 1865 CONFEDERATE GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE SURRENDERS TO UNION GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT AT APPOMATTOX, VA*
- 1865 ABRAHAM LINCOLN, 16TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS ASSASSINATED
- 1865 FEDERAL TROOPS ON HORSEBACK FAN OUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY SPREADING WORD THAT THE UNION IS SAVED & SLAVERY IS OVER. CELEBRATION DAYS NAMED VICTORY, EMANCIPATION, FREEDOM, LIBERTY BECOME ANNUAL EVENTS
- 1865 1ST JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION TAKES PLACE IN GALVESTON, TEXAS
- 1865 DEC 6TH 13TH AMENDMENT ENDS LEGALIZED SLAVERY
- 1865 KKK ORGANIZES
- 1868 JULY 9TH 14TH AMENDMENT PASSES
- 1870 FEB 3RD 15TH AMENDMENT EMPOWERS FORMER ENSLAVED & FREE BLACK MALES WITH THE RIGHT TO VOTE
- 1873 THE END OF SLAVERY IN VA REQUIRES THE ENACTMENT OF CHAPTER 103 OF TITLE 30 OF THE CODE OF VA*
- 1876 JIM CROW LAWS ENACTED THROUGHOUT THE CONFEDERACY CONTINUED TO BE ADDED UNTIL 1965*
- 1894 134 BLACKS LYNCHED: HIGHEST NUMBER IN THIS ONE YEAR BETWEEN THE YEARS 1882 - 1968
- 1895 FREDERICK DOUGLASS DIES
- 1908 RACE RIOT IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS WHERE ABRAHAM LINCOLN 1ST PRACTICED LAW
- 1909 NAACP FOUNDED
- 1915 "BIRTH OF A NATION" FILM PROTESTED BY NAACP FOR RACIST DEPICTIONS IS PRAISED BY PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON*

1921 TULSA, OKLAHOMA RACE RIOT WAS CONCENTRATED IN THE BLACK SECTION OF GREENWOOD
1929 WALL STREET CRASHES AND THE GREAT DEPRESSION BEGINS
1936 FEDERAL WPA PROGRAM STARTS RECORDING OVER 2500 SLAVE NARRATIVES
1945 PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN DROPS NUCLEAR BOMBS ON JAPAN
1948 PRESIDENT TRUMAN OUTLAWS SEGREGATION IN ALL BRANCHES OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY
1954 BROWN VERSUS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULING MANDATES AN END TO SEGREGATED SCHOOLS
1955 EMMETT TILL'S MOTHER, MAMIE TILL INSISTS ON AN OPEN CASKET FOR HER MURDERED 14-YEAR-OLD SON
1955 ROSA PARKS DEFIES BUS SEGREGATION LAWS WHICH JUMPSTARTS THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT
1959 NORFOLK 17 OVERCOME MASSIVE RESISTANCE AND INTEGRATE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS*
1960 JOHN F. KENNEDY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
1961 FREEDOM RIDERS TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH TO CHALLENGE SEGREGATION
1963 MEDGAR EVERS, MISSISSIPPI STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE NAACP IS ASSASSINATED BY BYRON DE LA BECKWITH
1963 MARCH ON WASHINGTON
1963 BOMBING AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH KILLS 4 LITTLE GIRLS
1964 FANNIE LOU HAMER TESTIFIES BEFORE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON LIVE TV
1964 PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON DECLARES WAR ON POVERTY
1965 MALCOLM X ASSASSINATED
1965 3 MARCHES FROM SELMA ENDED 03/25 WHEN ACTIVISTS & MLK, PROTECTED BY NAT. GUARD, ARRIVED IN MONTGOMERY
1965 WATTS RIOTS (AUGUST 11TH -17TH)
1965 VOTING RIGHTS ACT: PRESIDENT JOHNSON SIGNS INTO LAW AN UPDATING OF THE 15TH AMENDMENT
1966 BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOUNDED IN OAKLAND, CA
1967 MUHAMMAD ALI, CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR AGAINST THE VIETNAM WAR HARRASSED & JAILED FOR 3+ YEARS
1968 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR ASSASSINATED
1968 ROBERT KENNEDY, JR ASSASSINATED
1970 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: FEDERAL POLICY TO ERADICATE DISCRIMINATION DUE TO "RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, GENDER, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR NATIONAL ORIGIN"
1972 TUSKEGEE STUDY OF UNTREATED SYPHILIS IN THE NEGRO MALE THAT STARTED IN 1932 IS EXPOSED
1973 PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON ENDS U.S. MILITARY ROLE IN VIETNAM
1977 ROOTS MINI-SERIES SHATTERS RECORDS FOR HIGHEST NATIONAL VIEWING AUDIENCE
1978 ALLAN BAKKE, A WHITE MALE CLAIMS REVERSE DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
1980 RONALD REAGAN ELECTED PRESIDENT – ANTI-UNION, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REVERSALS BEGIN IN ERNEST
1981 HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC OFFICIALLY BEGANS W/ A JUNE REPORT IN THE "MORBIDITY & MORTALITY" NEWSLETTER
1984 CRACK EPIDEMIC EXPLODES AND A GENERATION OF "CRACK BABIES" ARE BORN
1984 JAMES W. HOLLEY 1ST AFRICAN AMERICAN MAYOR OF PORTSMOUTH, VA HELPED DESEGREGATE CITY'S LIBRARIES, HOSPITALS, RESTAURANTS & GOLF COURSES. HE WAS 1ST U.S. MAYOR RECALLED TWICE FROM SAME OFFICE ('87 & 2010)*
1990 DOUG WILDER - 1ST AFRICAN AMERICAN ELECTED GOV OF VA OR ANYWHERE IN USA SINCE RECONSTRUCTION*
1992 4 L.A. POLICE OFFICERS FOUND "NOT GUILTY" IN THE RODNEY KING BEATING, RIOTS LEAD TO MARTIAL LAW
1993 3 STRIKES LAWS ENACTED BY STATES RESULTS IN HIGH BLACK & BROWN INCARCERATION RATES
1995 O.J. SIMPSON FOUND "NOT GUILTY" IN THE MURDERS OF NICOLE BROWN & RON GOLDMAN
1996 PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, "ENDS WELFARE AS WE KNOW IT" W/ 'PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY & WORK OPPORTUNITY ACT'
2000 VA HONORS ROBERT E. LEE-STONEWALL JACKSON-MARTIN LUTHER KING W/ FRI & MON LEE-JACKSON-KING HOLIDAY*
2000 GEORGE BUSH INSTALLED AS 43RD PRESIDENT VIA VOTER SUPPRESSION IN FLORIDA & THE U.S.SUPREME COURT
2001 9/11
2001 IN OCT PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH AUTHORIZES "OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM" & STARTS THE AFGHANISTAN WAR
2003 IN MARCH PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH USES SEARCH FOR "WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION" TO START THE IRAQI WAR
2004 GEORGE BUSH RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
2005 HURRICANE KATRINA
2007 COMMONWEALTH OF VA APOLOGIZES FOR SLAVERY & PROCLAIMS JUNETEENTH DAY*
2008 AMERICA'S ECONOMY CRASHES AS U.S. ENTERS THE GLOBAL RECESSION
2008 BARACK OBAMA IS 1ST AFRICAN AMERICAN ELECTED 44TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
2008 U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ISSUES AN APOLOGY FOR SLAVERY
2009 U.S. SENATE ISSUES AN APOLOGY FOR SLAVERY BUT WITH A DISCLAIMER ABOUT REPARATIONS
2010 IN MID-TERM ELECTIONS THE TEA PARTY TAKES OVER THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2010 BP OIL SPILL BECOMES THE LARGEST ACCIDENTAL MARINE OIL SPILL IN THE HISTORY OF THE PETROLUM INDUSTRY
2010 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AUTHORIZES WITHDRAWAL OF A MAJORITY OF U.S. TROOPS FROM IRAQ
2011 OSAMA BIN LADEN KILLED BY U.S. NAVY SEALS BY THE ORDER OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BARACK OBAMA
2011 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SIGNS THE ANTIQUITIES ACT DESIGNATING FORT MONROE A NATIONAL MONUMENT*
2012 OBAMACARE MANDATE UPHELD AS CONSTITUTIONAL BY U.S. SUPREME COURT