

Inventions/ Black Excellence

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Malcolm X

Malcolm X was a black social activist who proposed to the black community to resist the discrimination against blacks from white supremacists. He believed that the treatment was unjust and cruel; therefore he decided to advocate for ALL. The movement he contributed was called the Civil Rights movement, it was an era of social reforms and boycotts. Malcolm refused to use violence, it doesn't resolve anything but worsens the situation. Black power, black self-defense and black economic autonomy, and encouraged racial pride.

Background Information.

- Malcolm X's embrace of black separatism shaped the debate over how to achieve freedom and equality in a nation that had long denied a portion of the American citizenry the full protection of their rights. It also laid the groundwork for the [Black Power movement](#) of the late sixties.
 - Malcolm X believed that blacks were god's chosen people. As a minister of the Nation of Islam, he preached fiery sermons on separation from whites, whom he believed were destined for divine punishment because of their longstanding oppression of blacks.
 - Whites had proven themselves long on professing and short on practicing their ideals of equality and freedom, and Malcolm X thought only a separate nation for blacks could provide the basis for their self-improvement and advancement as a people.
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Be peaceful, be courteous,
obey the law, **respect everyone;**
but if someone puts his hand
on you, send him to the **cemetery.**

– *Malcolm X*

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Civil Rights Movement

A movement towards racial segregation and discrimination in the southern United States that came to national prominence during the mid-1950s. This movement had its roots in the centuries-long efforts of enslaved Africans and their descendants to resist racial oppression and abolish the institution of slavery. Although enslaved people were emancipated as a result of the Civil War and were then granted basic civil rights through the passage of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the U.S. Constitution, struggles to secure federal protection of these rights continued during the next century.

Traffic Lights Inventor

Garrett Morgan during the 1910s and 1920s, Morgan enjoyed inventing new items. Most of these items were to improve safety on the streets and in the workplace. Morgan was most famous for patenting the first traffic signal in the United States. Morgan, himself an automobile owner, witnessed a crash between a car and a buggy. This event supposedly convinced the inventor to create the stoplight. On November 20, 1923, Morgan received his patent. His traffic signal was mounted on a T-shaped pole. It had three different types of signals stop, go, and stop in all directions. The stop in all directions signal was to allow pedestrians to cross streets safely. Morgan eventually patented this device in Canada and Great Britain as well. He sold his patent to General Electric Corporation for forty thousand dollars.

My Opinions

Garrett Morgan: Morgans Legacy left behind a great improvement to society, thanks to him we have traffic lights and driving regulation that must be followed. This created a form a organization and safety protocols to prevent many tragedies and accidents. I can't imagine life without traffic lights this world would have been a disaster and accident rates would rise each day.

Malcolm X: Malcolm was a great leader towards blacks along with figures like Gandhi and Martin Luther King promoted non-violent laws and defended who who were in seek of help in the balck community. Sadly, we don't have leaders like those present today it would've been amazing.

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