

Civil Rights Movement

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What the movement was about?

The Civil Rights movement was about African Americans fighting for their basic civil rights. The movement was a struggle for social justice and its main goal was to gain equal rights for African Americans under the law in the United States. The movement took place from the 1950s through the 1960's but is seen as the most largest movement in American history.



Why there was a need for the movement?

Black Codes:

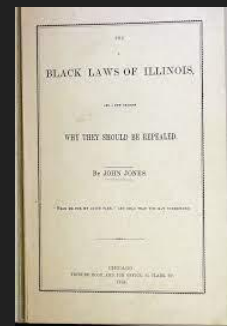
Black codes were restrictive laws designed to limit the freedom of African Americans and ensure their availability as a cheap labor force after slavery was abolished during the Civil War.

Ku Klux Klan: Territorial and Racist Group

Jim Crow Laws:

a collection of state and local statutes that legalized racial segregation.

Inequality (overall):
rights that were granted were not being respected.



Behind the scenes “Key” civil rights leaders



Ruby Bridges:

She was the first African-American child to desegregate the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana during the New Orleans school desegregation crisis on November 14, 1960.



Ella Baker:

She was an American community organizer and political activist who brought her skills and principles to bear in the major civil rights organizations. **She** was the behind-the-scenes organizer, co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) headed by Martin Luther King, Jr., and the creation of the Student Non-Violent .

Leadership of MLK Jr and Malcolm X



Martin Luther King Jr.

vs.

Malcolm X

- Believed in Nonviolent Protest
- Southern Baptist Minister
- Born into a middle class home
- Ph.D in Theology
- Followed Gandhi ideals
- Won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1964
- Involved in Southern Christian Leadership Conference

- Believed in violence
- Muslim (a member of nation of islam for a short period of time)
- Born into a poor and hostile environment
- No high school degree
- Involved in the Universal Negro Improvement Association

Civil Rights Activist Now: Lateefah Simon

Lateefah Simon, born on January 29, 1977, is the president of Akonadi Foundation which works to eliminate structural inequalities and create a just society. She is an advocate for civil rights, racial justice, and juvenile justice.

In 2003, when she was 26, Lateefah Simon won a MacArthur genius grant for her work helping impoverished and formerly incarcerated women. She has kept fighting against injustice and working in marginalized communities, helping young activists thrive. She is located in the San Francisco Bay Area.



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