

Chapter 17

E. A. Eckford – black who tried to go to Little Rock Central High

Segregation – separate facilities for whites and blacks, by law in the south practiced

Civil Rights – basic rights of citizens

Plessy V Ferguson – separate but equal doctrine, 1896

Railroad cars for whites/blacks must be equal, no segregation WITHIN a school, intangible factors considered

Facilities weren't equal, building new colleges expensive, so integrated **Fought that segregation itself was illegal**

Thurgood Marshall – 1st African American justice of Supreme Court, led attack on integration of schools

Brown VS Board of Education – Topeka, Kansas, Linda Brown had to go a long way to black school

NAACP lawyers rehearsed case before **Howard Law School's, Washington DC's** faculty

Chief Justice Vinson dies, **Eisenhower** appoint for. **CA Gov, E. Warren, declares segregation illegal**

Didn't have plan for integration. **KKK** reemerged, supremacy groups such as **White Citizen's Counsel**

Gov T. Stanley – Virginia, did everything he can to keep segregation

Southern Manifesto – 100 congressmen, resist forced integration by any lawful means. **LBJ, TX Senator**, no sign

Eisenhower publicly neutral, privately said appointing Earl Warren was his biggest mistake

Autherine Lucy – expelled from University of Alabama after riots to prevent her from staying

Orval Faubus – Arkansas Governor, ordered National Guard to surround school. Didn't want integration

Asked **Eisenhower** for 1 year delay in integration, denied. Removed National Guard and left Little Rock

Little Rock 9 – the 9 black students who were supposed to attend Central High.

Ike had to send federal troops, nationalized AK national guard, escorted the blacks into the school

National Guard stayed the entire year, Little Rock public schools closed the next year, reopened in 59

Chapter 17-2

Rosa Parks arrested in **Montgomery, AL**, worked as a **tailor's assistant**, arrested on **Cleveland Ave. Bus. Driver J. Blake**

The beginning of the Civil Rights Movement. Parks agreed to fight for as long as it took to win

Boycotted busses. **JoAnn Robinson, English Prof at AL State College**, made leaflets people to not ride on **Monday**

Met at Holt St. Baptist Church on Monday evening, **MLK**, minister of Dexter Ave Baptist Church

Parks fined guilty and fined \$10 plus \$4 in court charges. **Montgomery Improvement Association** – Led by **King**

Rolling churches – station wagons that operated off 42 stations to move people around. Painted names of churches

City tried to prevent rolling churches from getting insurance, King got insurance from **Lloyd's of London**

Supreme Court ruled segregation on Montgomery buses unconstitutional.

King grew up in Atlanta, attended **Morehouse College, Crozer Theological Seminary in PA, Boston U** for PhD in religion

Came to Montgomery as pastor of **Dexter Ave Baptist Church**, married **Coretta Scott**

Southern Christian Leadership Conference(SCLC) – led by King. **R. Abernathy**, friend of King, house bombed

Used **nonviolent resistance**. **SCLC/Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR)** – workshops for non-violent protest

Similar to **Mohandas Gandhi**, Used the **Love One's Enemy** idea, went to India to talk to Gandhi followers

Gather facts first, negotiate, see what the activists are already doing, then carry out an action. **Students used sit-ins**

4 Freshmen from **NC Agricultural and Tech College – Joseph McNeil** – sat there and wouldn't leave until they were served

4 days later, joined by 3 whites from **Women's College of the University of NC**. By day 5, had enough to take shifts

45 arrested and charged with **trespassing**, boycotted stores with segregated lunch counters, finally gave up **6 mo's** later

Kneel-in's at churches, **read in's, wade in's** at beaches, **sleep in's** at motels

James Baldwin – writer that said that all of Africa would be free before we can get a lousy cup of coffee

Nashville – 4 students desegregated bus terminal, then beaten. **Ella J. Baker** – executive secretary of SCLC.

Invited 100 student leaders to conference at Shaw U in Raleigh, NC, over Eastern Weekend. **Jail not Bail to save \$**

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Comite – SNCC – used Civil Disobedience – field secretaries to high resistance

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Chapter 17-3

Freedom Riders – bus riders on the way to Birmingham, AL from Atlanta, GA. Bus drivers refused to leave Birmingham

Passengers left by plane, but group of students flew from Nashville, TN to solve the problem

US. Att. General R. Kennedy asked **Gov of AL, Patterson** to protect bus. **Bus mobbed in Montgomery, AL**

John Doar – justice department lawyer that witnessed the attack. **Pres Kennedy** sent in Fed Marshalls,

Group of King's followers trapped inside a church, Patterson reluctantly sends troops at the last minute

Kennedy endorsed black movement. **King arrested for sit in**, violated probation, **4 months hard labor** on Georgia road gang

Kennedy called **Coretta King**, and **Robert** phoned the judge, **King released the next day**. Nixon did nothing

Created Presidential Committee, headed by VP LBJ, but did little. Didn't pass Civil Rights Act

Enfranchisement – obtaining the rights of citizenship. Kennedy appointed judges that were unsympathetic to civil rights

Kennedy appointed African Americans to his administration, invited prominent Blacks to social events at the White House

Militants – activists who would not tolerate any compromise. Had the “**Freedom Now!**” Idea

Whites had **Segregation Forever**. **James Farmer** – executive director of **Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)**

Freedom Riders to test Supreme Court decision that all interstate bus stations integrated. **From WADC to New**

Orleans

First attack came at **Anniston, AL**. **R. Kennedy intervened at Montgomery, went on to Jackson, MI, prepared to**

die

JFK made deal with **MI Senator Eastland** – Kennedy won't send federal marshals if Eastland prevented mob violence
No mobs, just law enforcement, when they got off, arrested and jailed. R. Kennedy petitioned **Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), banned segregation of interstate facilities.**

Voter Education Project – mostly **SNCC** workers, **COFO** in **MI**. Held workshops/escorted voters to registration offices

Couldn't register because of small errors, outrageously hard tests of state Constitutions. Some rejected for using Mr/Mrs.

Whites responded violently by bombing 4 churches, Blacks who voted were fired from their jobs

James Meredith – Kennedy had to send US Army to enroll James into the **University of MI**.

Birmingham, AL – closed parks, swimming pools, golf courses to prevent integration.

Eugene Bull Connor – police commissioner of Birmingham, opposed integration. Hit kids with fire hoses

King – led other attack, planned for his arrest on Good Friday. Wrote “**Letter from Birmingham Jail**” while in jail

Sent kids to march, when they used violence VS kids, turned tide, adults came in record numbers.

When business leaders agreed to integrate department stores, King called off demonstrations

His house and his brother's bombed, riots erupted. Kennedy federalizes AL National Guard, made speech

Medgar Evers – **head of state NAACP**, killed by sniper. Kennedy promises Civil Rights Bill

March on Washington – began as cry for jobs. **Mahalia Jackson** sang **I been Buked and I been Scored**, King's speech

Filibuster – debate the bill nonstop to keep it from coming to a vote. **Sen. Dirksen of IL** ended it, quoted **Victor Hugo**, passed

Title II – forbid segregation in hotels/motels, restaurants, lunch counters, theaters, sporting arenas, all interstate commerce

Selma – Sheriff Jim Clark, hated civil rights. March from Selma to Montgomery, **Gov G. Wallace banned march**

Hosea Williams – King's chief aide in Selma, **John Lewis, SNCC leader**, decided to march anyways

Met Clark's deputies at **Edmund Pettus Bridge**. Hit with tear gas/clubs. King returned later, led another march, but turned around, LBJ promised voters rights. On 3/21, the march was successful under protection of AL National Guard

Voting Rights Act of 1965 – if literacy or similar tests were used, if less than 50% of voters registered, assumed discrimination\

I have a Dream – speech by King at Lincoln Memorial, Apollo rockets lift “**Little Joe**” to 24,000 feet. Yankees kill Red Sox

Chapter 17-4

James Meredith – 1st African American to attend University of MI, was shot on a demonstration walk for the right to vote

King of SCLC, **McKissick** of CORE, **Carmichael** of SNCC, King nonviolent, CORE/SNCC violent. **We Shall**

Overrun

Martyr – person who dies for a cause. 4 girls dead in church bombing in Birmingham, 3 workers shot in MI

MFDP – recognition at National Democratic Party convention, given only 2 votes, **Hamer** - “didn't come for 2 stinking votes”

Black Pride – Negro abandoned, colored not precise, used the word BLACK. Wore **Dashikis** instead of shirts, **Afro** haircuts
SNCC was racists, banned whites.

Malcolm X – part of **Nation of Islam**, known as **Black Muslims**. Preached **Black Separatism** – antithesis of integration

Kicked outta Nation of Islam, went to Mecca, came back, softened views, **3 Black Muslims assassinated him**

Believed in violence for self defense, whites should thank King for keeping blacks in check

Black Power – get blacks into office. **Symbol of Lowndes Country Freedom Organization was black panther**

Carmichael – leader of SNCC in 66, went to jail, argued for comforts, demanded solitary confinement

Langston Hughes – **Harlem** – the life of African Americans in the North.

Watts – LA, arrest for traffic violation of young Black, riot, set of series, went for white businesses

People put up Negro Owned/Blood signs to show black ownership. National Guard often used.

Black Panther Party – protect Blacks from police harassment. Supported weapons.

LBJ makes **National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders** – **Kerner Report** – two separate Americas

King killed in Memphis, TN, more riots. Had anti-Vietnam sentiment, lost support.