

Documents:**6A) Civil Rights Timeline****National Events**

1947- Jackie Robinson joins Brooklyn Dodgers.

1948- U.S. armed forces are desegregated.

1954- In *Brown v. Topeka*, Kansas Board of Education, the Supreme Court rules that separate is not equal.

1955-56- Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott.

1957- Federal troops enforce school integration in Little Rock, Arkansas.

1960- Civil rights activists launch sit-in campaign in the south.

1962- James Meredith desegregates University of Mississippi.

1963- Anti-discrimination campaign in Birmingham, Alabama.

- Medgar Evers killed in Mississippi.

- 250,000 people March on Washington, DC.

- Alabama churches bombed.

- Boycott forces integration of Chicago schools.

1964- "Mississippi Summer" campaign registers southern Black voters. Three civil rights workers murdered.

- Southern Blacks demand seats at 1964 Democratic National Convention

- Congress passes civil rights legislation.

- Martin Luther King, Jr. awarded Nobel Prize.

1965- Malcolm X assassinated in Harlem.

- Alabama police attack Selma civil rights marchers demanding voting rights.

- Congress approves voting rights law.

- Six day race riot in Watts, California. 34 die.

1966- Marchers demand "Black power".

Militants and nationalists gain prominence.

1967- Race riots in northern cities.

1968- Kerner Commission report describes racial divisions in the United States.

- Lyndon Johnson will not seek reelection.

- Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated.

- Wave of race riots in Black communities.

- Poor People's campaign in Washington, DC.

- George Wallace and southern whites bolt Democratic Party.

- Richard Nixon elected President.

- New York City racially divided over plan for community control of public schools.

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Long Island Events

1947- Levittown bars African American homeowners and renters.

1949- Levittown drops racial exclusion clause from lease but continues discrimination.

1957- NAACP charges that Long Island schools discriminate in hiring of teachers.

1961- Census shows African Americans moving to New York City suburbs.

- Huntington Human Relations group welcomes African American residents.

1962- Nassau County establishes Committee on Human Rights.

- NY state investigates charges of blockbusting.

1963- NAACP charges urban renewal used to drive out Black families.

- CORE campaigns for job opportunities for African Americans.

- State orders Malverne school integration.

- Hempstead calls for regional school integration plan.

- Struggle for school integration in Amityville.

- Cross burning in Amityville

1964- State Senator Lent introduces bill to block busing for integration.

1964-66- White parents in Malverne defy integration plan.

1966- Opponents of school integration win control over Malverne school board.

1967- Protests against white-only volunteer fire departments.

- School integration plan implemented in Malverne.

- Proposal to bus NYC children to Great Neck schools.

1968- Racial tension in Westbury schools.

- Long Island mourns Martin Luther King, Jr.

1969-70- Students demand King birthday observance.

- NAACP challenges unfair zoning practices.

- Great Neck school integration plan defeated in advisory referendum.

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Questions:

1- Select three events from the civil rights movement that you consider most important.

Explain your choices.

2- In your opinion, how did national events influence events on Long Island?