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| James Meredith enrolls at the University of Mississippi (**University of Mississippi Lafayette, Mississippi)** | 1962 | 5000 federal troops are sent by Pres. Kennedy to allow Meredith to register for classes. Riots result in 2 deaths and hundreds of injuries |
| Desegregation drive in Birmingham**(Birmingham Alabama)** | April 1963 | King and SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) oppose local laws that support segregation. Riots, fire-bombing, and police are used against protestors |
| "Letter from Birmingham jail" **(425 6th** **Avenue South, Birmingham, AL)** | April 16, 1963 | In response to white ministers who urge him to stop causing disturbances, King issues articulate statement of nonviolent resistance to wrongs of American society |
| Gov. Wallace stops desegregation of the University of Alabama (**University of Mississippi Lafayette, Mississippi)** | June 1963 | Standing in the schoolhouse door and promising segregation "today, tomorrow, and forever," Wallace is forced by Pres. Kennedy to allow blacks to enroll |
| Medgar Evers murdered (**University of Mississippi Lafayette, Mississippi)** | June 11, 1963 | Head of Mississippi NAACP is shot outside his home on the same night that Pres. Kennedy addresses the nation on race, asking "Are we to say to the world...that this is a land of the free except for Negroes" |
| March on Washington (**Lincoln Memorial Cir** **SW, Washington, DC Washington, DC 20037)** | August 28, 1963 | More than 200,000 blacks and whites gather before Lincoln Memorial to hear speeches (including King's "I Have a Dream") and protest racial injustice |
| Bombing of Birmingham church **(The 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama)** | September 1963 | 4 black girls are killed by bomb planted in church |
| Selma to Montgomery march( **Jefferson Davis Hwy, Alabama --route 80)** | March 1965 | King leads 54-mile march to support black voter registration. Despite attacks from police and interference from Gov. Wallace, marchers reach Montgomery. Pres. Johnson addresses nation in support of marchers |
| Watts Riots **(Los Angeles, California)** | August 1965 | In first of more than 100 riots, Los Angeles black suburb erupts in riots, burning, looting, and 34 deaths |
| Malcolm X assassinated **(** **New York, New York city United States)** | February 1965 | Rejecting integration and nonviolence, Malcolm splits off from Elijah Muhammad's Black Muslims and is killed by black opponents |
| Race riots in **(Detroit and Newark)** | 1967 | Worst riots in U.S. history results in 43 deaths in Detroit and federal troops being called out to restore order |
| Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated **(Memphis Tennessee)** | April 4. 1968 | While supporting sanitation workers' strike which had been marred by violence in Memphis, King is shot by James Earl Ray. Riots result in 125 cities |

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