

0. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 - Story Preface

1. President Harry S Truman desegregates the armed forces - 1948

2. Brown v Board of Education of Topeka, KS - 1954

3. Montgomery Bus Boycott 1955

4. The Little Rock Nine - 1957

5. The Freedom Rides - 1961

6. Sit-in Movement - 1960

7. March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom - 1963

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9. Selma March for Voting Rights - 1965

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After ten years of non-violent direct action and the murders of a number of civil rights activists, the administration of President John F. Kennedy decided that racial equality could not be resolved on an ad hoc basis. On June 12 the President addressed the nation via television. Kennedy's address was both inspirational and inspiring. He had decided to submit to Congress a civil rights bill that would, among other things, end discrimination in public facilities.<sup>1</sup>

Kennedy was assassinated before the bill was passed. It was up to his successor, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, to shepherd the bill through Congress. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed by President Johnson on July 2.

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**Questions 2 Ponder**

**Why is J.F.K. Considered a Civil Rights Supporter?**

**Media Stream**



Robert Kennedy with President Kennedy

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### Civil Rights Act of 1964 - Signing Ceremony

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