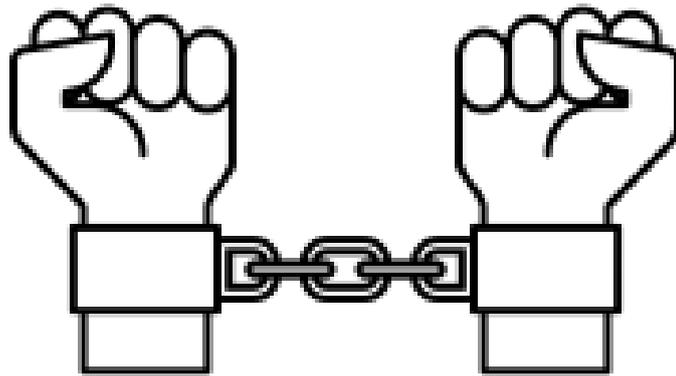


Term 1

Slave Trade and Civil Rights



**Key Dates & Events -
Revision Guide**

Slavery

1502



1700-1800



1776



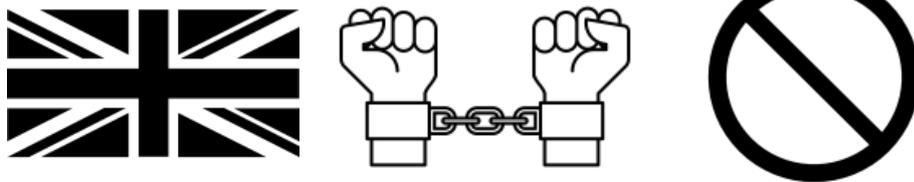
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1807



1833



1863



Slavery

- 1502
- First reported case of African slaves transported to the Americas to work for white colonists.
 - Slaves were captured by local chiefs in Africa and then traded to white slave traders for valuable goods such as gold, textiles and weapons.
 - Slaves would then work on huge farms called plantations making valuable raw materials to send back to Europe. This was known as

- 1700-1800
- Height of the Atlantic Slave Trade
 - 6 million slaves transported from Africa to the Americas
 - Journey in slave ships was called the 'Middle Passage', it was torture for the slaves who were crammed onto the ships to save space.

- 1776
- USA declares independence from Britain starting the American Revolution.
 - The declaration stated that 'all men are created equal' but this did not extend to slaves. The Southern states relied on slavery to exist.

- 1791
- Haitian revolution begins
 - Slaves on the French Colony of Santo Domingo revolt against their owners. The Revolution eventually is a success and the free nation of

- 1807
- Parliament passed the Slave Trade Act 1807
 - It is now illegal for British ships to take part in the slave trade.
 - Although the trade of slaves is illegal, those already held in slavery are not free.

- 1833
- Parliament passes the Slavery Abolition Act
 - It is now illegal to own slaves in the British Empire— over 800,000 slaves are emancipated (set free) in British colonies.

- 1863
- Emancipation Proclamation
 - At the height of the US civil war, Abraham Lincoln issues the emancipation proclamation which frees the slaves in the USA. The US Civil war was a war over the existence of slavery in the USA.

Civil Rights

1865



1865-1968



August
1955



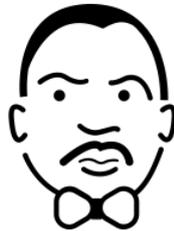
December
1955



September
1957



August
1963



July
1964



February
1990



Civil Rights

- 1865
 - Ku Klux Klan formed (KKK)
 - The KKK was an organisation of white supremacists (people who believe white people are better than black people).
 - They opposed the civil rights movement often violently. At its height in the 1920s it had over 3,000,000 members, mainly in the south.
- 1865-1968
 - Jim Crow Laws in force
 - The Jim Crow laws is the name given to hundreds of laws introduced in the southern states of the USA which discriminated against former slaves even though they were free. The laws limited jobs and education amongst other things.
- August
 - Murder of Emmett Till
- 1955
 - A 14 year old black boy is brutally murdered in Mississippi for allegedly flirting with a white woman. His murderers get away with it. This brings the civil rights movement to international attention.
- December
 - Rosa Parks and the NAACP organise a boycott of public buses in Montgomery Alabama . The bus company segregated white and black passengers. The Boycott lasted over 1 year and resulted in segregation on buses being made illegal.
- 1955
- September
 - Nine black students in Little Rock Arkansas attend a formerly white only school. They are harassed by locals as well as police. President Eisenhower sends in soldiers to protect the students and allow them to attend school. Despite this they are still harassed throughout their time at school.
- 1957
- August
 - March on Washington
- 1963
 - 250,000 people march on the US capital Washington DC to protest for civil rights. Martin Luther King Jr. makes his famous 'I have a dream speech'
- July
 - Civil Rights Act
- 1964
 - President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act making it illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, colour, sex, religion or national origin.
- February
 - Nelson Mandela is freed in South Africa signalling the end of Apartheid. Apartheid was the system of segregation and discrimination in South Africa. Mandela went on to become the first black president of South Africa.
- 1990

Using This Guide

1. **Black Pen, Red Pen:** Study the double page spreads for 4-5 minutes. Read the content which is linked to the symbols. Then, cover the written content and just look at the symbols. How much can you write out? Uncover the writing.