

Brown vs Board of Education

- The Supreme Court ruled that segregated schools were unconstitutinal
- Soon to follow was desegregation of:
- Parks
- Public housing
- Public beaches
- Buses
- Railroads
- Air terminals



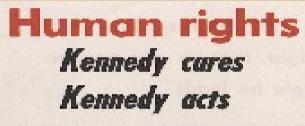
Segregation banned in schools





John F Kennedy

• Elected on a platform which made references to the dawning of a new era in civil rights.







The Counterculture

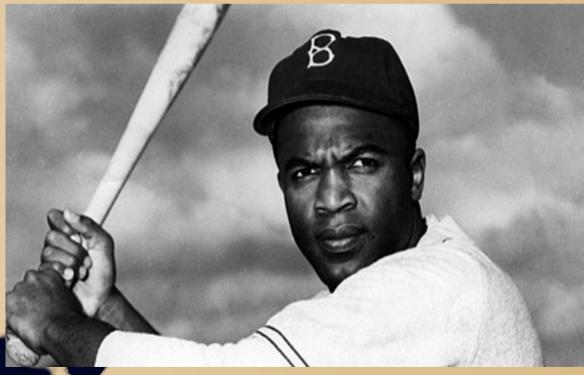
• The movement of young people rebelling against the traditional values of their parents generation

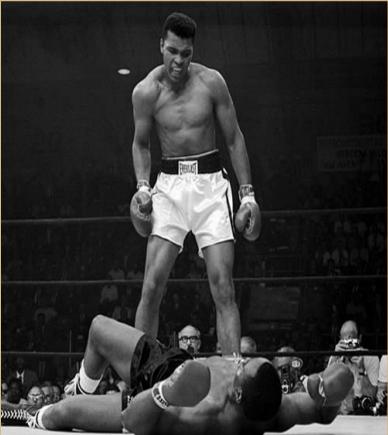




Successful Black Americans

 Black Americans started to show that they could be successful by receiving university degrees, and playing professional sports (oftentimes becoming spokesmen at the same time)





JFKs response to violence in the south

- He sent 500 federal officers, and later the army, to Mississippi to enforce the order which allowed blacks to enrol at state universities
- He attempted to pass civil rights legislation, but was unable to because of Congressional resistance





Rosa Parks

- Parks challenged the existing system by riding at the front of the bus, for which she was convicted and fined \$10
- Martin Luther King organized a boycott of the Montgomery, Alabama transit system which lasted for over a year and drove the company into bankruptcy
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TOU MUST NEVER BE FEARFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING WHEN IT IS RIGHT. -ROSA PARKS



Kennedy's Civil Rights Bill

• Allowed the federal government to cut off funding to any program that practised discrimination





U. S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Behind him is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., July 2nd, 1964

Voting Rights Act

• Eliminated the literacy test for voter registration, thus allowing many more blacks to vote and have an impact in political matters





Civil Rights Groups

- Martin Luther King advocated pacifist methods of protest
- Malcolm X and followers rejected Christianity and turned to Islamic Faith called for violence
- The Black Panthers, founded by Stokely Carmichael, also resorted to violent methods of protest



