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Black History Month Facts

1947: Jackie Robinson breaks Major League Baseball's color barrier when he is signed to the Brooklyn Dodgers.

1955: Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on the bus to a white passenger, launching a successful bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, which lasts more than a year. Montgomery's public buses are desegregated on December 21, 1956.

1963: Martin Luther King delivers his famous "I have a dream..." speech at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, which was attended by about 250,000 people. The March on Washington was the largest demonstration ever seen in the nation's capital, and built momentum for civil rights legislation.

1964: President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act, prohibiting discrimination of all kinds based on race, color, religion, or national origin on July 2, 1964.

1965: Congress passes the Voting Rights Act of 1965, making it easier for Southern blacks to register to vote. Literacy tests, poll taxes, and other such requirements that were used to restrict black voting are made illegal.

1968: On April 11, President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1968, prohibiting discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing.