Civil Rights Movement in Pictures

School Segregation Protest
1954, St. Louis, MO. Protest march against the segregation of U.S. schools.
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Mother and Daughter at U.S. Supreme Court
May 1954, Washington, DC. On the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court, Nettie Hunt explains to her daughter, Nickie, the meaning of the high court's ruling in *Brown* v. *Board of Education.*
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Journalists Reading Newspapers
May 17, 1954, Atlanta, GA. William Gordon (right), managing editor of the *Atlanta Daily World* and pressman, Kimber Boddie, check a copy of the *Memphis World* carrying the story of the Supreme Court's decision to end segregation in public schools.
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Children-The First Day Of Desegregation
September 8, 1954, Fort Myer, VA. Following a Defense Department order ending segregation, a black and a white third grader face each other on the first day of racial desegregation in Fort Myer Elementary School, which is operated for children of military personnel.
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School Integration, Barnard School
May 27, 1955, Washington, DC. A line of African American and white school girls standing in a classroom while boys sit behind them.
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School Integration Conflicts
December 4, 1956, Clinton, TN. African-American boys walking through a crowd of white boys during a period of violence related to school integration.
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Black Students Integrate Little Rock's Central High School
September 6, 1957, Little Rock, AK. Elizabeth Eckford, one of the nine black students whose admission to Little Rock's Central High School was ordered by a Federal Court following legal action by NAACP legal defense fund attorneys.
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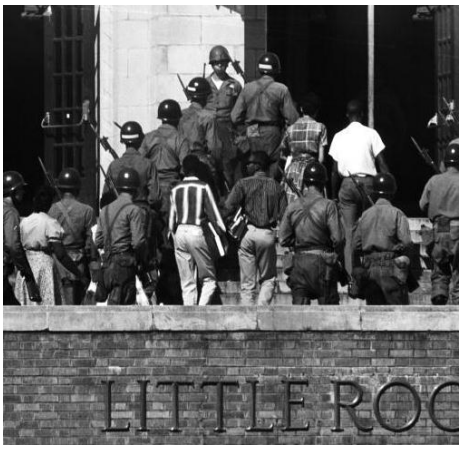

African American Students Enter High School with Military Escort
September 26, 1957, Little Rock, AK. African-American students walk up the steps of Little Rock Central High School, flanked by soldiers carrying out President Eisenhower's orders to enforce a Federal Court ruling to integrate Little Rock Central High School.
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Robert F. Wagner with Little Rock Students
1958. New York City Mayor Robert Wagner greeting the teenagers who integrated Central High School, Little Rock, Arkansas. Pictured, front row, left to right: Minnijean Brown, Elizabeth Eckford, Carlotta Walls, Mayor Wagner, Thelma Mothershed, Gloria Ray; back row, left to right: Terrance Roberts, Ernest Green, Melba Pattilo, Jefferson Thomas.
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Thurgood Marshall and Little Rock Students
August 22, 1958, Washington, DC. Lawyer Thurgood Marshall and civil rights activist Daisy Bates join several members of the "Little Rock Nine," the first students to integrate Central High School.
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Little Rock Rally at State Capitol
August 20, 1959. A group of people, several holding signs and American flags, protesting the integration and admission of the "Little Rock Nine" to Central High School.
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US Marshals with Ruby Bridges Leaving William Frantz Elementary School
1960 c., New Orleans, LA. After a federal court ordered the desegregation of schools in the South, U.S. Marshals escort a young Ruby from school while segregationist protests continued. Marshals also escorted Bridges to school.

Nearly Empty Desegregated School
September 5, 1962, Englewood, NJ. African-American students sit in a nearly empty classroom in newly desegregated Lincoln School during a boycott by students protesting desegregation.
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James Meredith Ole Miss Integration
October 1, 1962, Mississippi. James Meredith walking to class at Mississippi University accompanied by U.S. marshals.
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Demonstrators Protest School Segregation
January 29, 1963, NY. Demonstrators & Congress of Racial Equality participate in all-night demonstration outside the office of acting School Superintendent Bernard Donovan at the Board of Education.
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Vivian Malone Leaving Class
June 12, 1963, Tuscaloosa, AL. Vivian Malone, one of the first African-American students to attend the University of Alabama, exits a building on campus where she attended her fist class.
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Merlie Evers Speaking at Microphone
August 25, 1963, Washington, DC. Merlie Evers, widow of the slain integrationist leader Medgar Evers, is shown addressing a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Freedom Rally at Howard University.
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Mother Removing Child from Desegregated School
September 16, 1963, Graymont School, Birmingham, AL. A young child walks with his angry mother as she removes him from Graymont School in Birmingham, which has just become desegregated.
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Civil Rights March
September 28, 1963, Washington, DC. A procession of African Americans carrying signs for equal rights, integrated schools, decent housing and an end to bias.
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Civil Rights March in Washington, DC
September 28, 1963. A crowd of African Americans and whites surrounding the Reflecting Pool during Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.
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Fair Housing Protest
May 10, 1964, Seattle, WA. Participants of the CORE-sponsored demonstration sitting in front of realtor office of Picture Floor Plans, Inc.
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Fair Housing Protest
May 10, 1964, Seattle, WA. Participants of the CORE-sponsored demonstration inside the realtor office of Picture Floor Plans, Inc.
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Lyndon Johnson signing Civil Rights Act
July 2, 1964, Washington, DC. President Lyndon B. Johnson signing the 1964 Civil Rights Act as Martin Luther King, Jr., and others look on.

Civil Rights March from Selma to Montgomery
1965, Montgomery, AL. Blacks and whites marching for civil rights.
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Civil Rights March from Selma to Montgomery
1965, Montgomery, AL. Some participants in the civil rights march sitting on a wall resting.
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Abernathy Children Lead Marchers for Right to Vote
1965. Civil Rights Movement Co-Founder Dr. Ralph David Abernathy and his wife Mrs. Juanita Abernathy follow with Dr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. as the Abernathy children march on the front line, leading the Selma to Montgomery March.
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We March with Selma!
March 15, 1965, New York City, NY. Marchers lead the way as 15,000 parade on street in Harlem.
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Signing of the Voter Rights Act
August 6, 1965. President Johnson and Martin Luther King, Jr. at the signing of the Voting Rights Act.

Class of African American and white school children
February 21, 1973, Charlotte, NC. First grade class of African American and white school children seated on the floor in Albemarle Road Elementary School.
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South Boston HS Desegregation Busing
1974, Boston, MA. African-American students boarding bus as part of Phase I plan to remedy school desegregation in Boston.
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Only African-American Student Attending School
August 12, 1974, Boston, MA. Black student Valerie Banks is the only student in class at a predominately all white South Boston High School as thousands of families boycott court ordered desegregation schools.
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Black and White Female Students Holding Hands
September 15, 1975, Boston, MA. A black and a white student grasp hands as their school bus pulls up in front of Charlestown High School during the second week of the phase 2 school integration of Boston, where a marked increase in attendance among whites previously boycotting classes has been reported.
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