**1600’s** : first African slaves brought to America

1861 -1865 : American Civil war

1863 Lincoln delivered the Emancipation Declaration :

**1865** : end of slavery, 13th Amendments

Martin Luther King was born on **15 th January , 1929**, in Atlanta, Georgia.

In **1955,** In Montgomery , Alabama , Rosa Parks, a black woman refused to giver her seat in a bus to a white person.

In **1963,** in Birmingham, Alabama, MLK organised another peaceful protest with children and young adults. The policemen attacked the demonstrators with dogs and water cannons. The pictures were on TV, consequently all Americans witnessed the brutality of the police and a lot of people saw the first time this racism.

In **August 1963** , MLK helped to organize the Civil Right March in Washington, DC.

In **1964** , The USA passed the Civil Rights Act and MLK won the Nobel Peace Prize.

**February 21, 1965, Malcolm X was assassinated**

On **April 4th, 1968** , he was assassinated by a man called James Earl Ray , in Memphis, Tennessee

In 1969, King’s wife, Coretta Scott King opened a center in, Atlanta, Georgia to help society change in a peaceful ways.

Since **1983 ,** the USA have been celebrating MLK’s day. It is celebrated the third Monday in January. On this this day, schools are closed , people try to help someone to commemorate MLK.