

History of Integration Timeline – Teacher Guide

Instructions: Provide the statement next to the year to the pairs or individual students. Students will then conduct research and document information about the event on their copy of the worksheet above. Each event has at least two resources listed below that can be shared with students to help their research.

1. 1837 - First African American to receive a medical degree (James McCune Smith)
 - a. African American Medical Pioneers: <https://www.aamc.org/news-insights/celebrating-10-african-american-medical-pioneers>
 - b. Dimenna Children's History Museum online exhibit on James McCune Smith: <https://www.nyhistory.org/childrens-museum/visit/exhibitions/james-mccune-smith>
2. 1849 – Famous slave escapes and helps build the Underground Railroad (Harriet Tubman)
 - a. NJ.gov for Kids Harriet Tubman article: https://www.nj.gov/hangout_nj/200302_underground_railroad_p2.html
 - b. Library of Congress Article: http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/tubman/aa_tubman_youth_1.html
3. 1863 - Emancipation Proclamation is delivered
 - a. National Archives Emancipation Proclamation Coloring Book: <https://www.archives.gov/files/publications/kids/emancipation-proclamation-coloring-book.pdf>
 - b. Resources from Library of Congress: <https://guides.loc.gov/emancipation-proclamation>
4. 1864 - First African American woman physician in the United States graduates from the New England Female Medical College (Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler)
 - a. National Institute of Health (NIH) biography: https://cfmedicine.nlm.nih.gov/physicians/biography_73.html
 - b. NPS profile: <https://www.nps.gov/people/dr-rebecca-lee-crumpler.htm>
5. 1865 - Black Codes
 - a. Howard University Reconstruction Era: <https://www.howard.edu/library/reference/guides/reconstructionera/>
 - b. PBS: <https://www.pbs.org/tpt/slavery-by-another-name/themes/black-codes/>
 - c. National Geographic: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/black-codes-and-jim-crow-laws/>
6. 1868 - The 14th Amendment to the Constitution is passed
 - a. Library of Congress article: http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/recon/jb_recon_revised_1.html

- b. OurDocuments.gov:
<https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=false&doc=43>
- 7. 1870 – The 15th Amendment of the Constitution is passed
 - a. Library of Congress article:
http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/dubois/aa_dubois_growup_1.html
 - b. NPS: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/the-fifteenth-amendment.htm>
- 8. 1870 - First African American elected to Congress (Joseph Rainey)
 - a. U.S. House of Representatives:
[https://history.house.gov/People/Listing/R/RAINEY,-Joseph-Hayne-\(R000016\)/](https://history.house.gov/People/Listing/R/RAINEY,-Joseph-Hayne-(R000016)/)
 - b. National Archives: <https://prologue.blogs.archives.gov/2019/02/08/facial-hair-friday-joseph-rainey-the-first-african-american-in-the-house/>
- 9. 1885 – First African American woman to receive a patent (Sarah E. Goode)
 - a. Clara Barton Museum: <https://www.clarabartonmuseum.org/sarahegoode/>
 - b. National Archives: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/10601957>
- 10. 1896 - *Plessy v. Ferguson*
 - a. Library of Congress article:
http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/progress/jb_progress_plessy_2.html
 - b. Plessy v. Ferguson Primary Documents: <https://guides.loc.gov/plessy-ferguson>
- 11. 1909 - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People founded
 - a. Library of Congress article:
http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/dubois/aa_dubois_naacp_1.html
 - b. National Archives: <https://rediscovering-black-history.blogs.archives.gov/2014/02/18/105th-anniversary-of-the-national-association-for-the-advancement-of-colored-people-naacp/>
- 12. 1917 – First African American combat pilot, served with the French Flying Corps (Eugene Jacques Bullard)
 - a. Smithsonian Air and Space Museum blog post:
<https://airandspace.si.edu/stories/editorial/eugene-j-bullard>
 - b. National Museum of the United States Air Force:
<https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Visit/Museum-Exhibits/Fact-Sheets/Display/Article/197458/eugene-jacques-bullard/>
- 13. 1941 - First African American flying unit established (99th Pursuit Squadron, to become the Tuskegee Airmen)
 - a. National Park Service:
https://www.nps.gov/museum/exhibits/tuskegee_airmen/index.html
 - b. Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/mar03/tuskegee.html>
- 14. 1947 - First African American to play in Major League Baseball (Jackie Robinson)

- a. Library of Congress article:
http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jp/bball/jp_bball_jackie_1.html
 - b. Jackie Robinson Congressional Gold Medal:
<https://www.usmint.gov/learn/kids/library/medals/jackie-robinson>
15. 1948 - Executive Order to integrate the US military
- a. National Archives: <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=false&doc=84>
 - b. Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/vets/stories/ex-war-desegregation.html>
[or loc.gov/exhibits/odyssey/educate/truman.html](https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/odyssey/educate/truman.html)
16. 1954 - Brown v. Board of Education ruling states 'separate but equal' is unconstitutional and begins school integration
- a. Library of Congress article:
http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/marshallthrgd/aa_marshallthrgd_brown_4.html
 - b. Bill of Rights Institute Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1siiQelPHbQ>

General Resources:

- National Park Service Timeline:
<https://www.nps.gov/saga/learn/education/upload/african%20american%20history%20timeline.pdf>
- Timeline of African American Firsts:
https://photos.state.gov/libraries/malawi/217630/PDFs/Famous%20Firsts%20by%20African%20Americans%20_2_.pdf
- National Archives Rediscovering Black History Blog: <https://rediscovering-black-history.blogs.archives.gov/>
- Library of Congress Kids Website: <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/index.html>