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Civil Rights marches in Selma, Alabama.

The Voting Rights Bill becomes law, nullifying local laws and practices that prevent minorities from voting.

Malcolm X is assassinated on February 21.

1956 Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas court ruling that "separate but equal" segregated schools violate the 14th amendment to the Constitution.

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