

Resistance Movements

[A summary of various World Historical Movements with audio notes]

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What are resistance movements ?

- Any form of organized plans to resist unfair or negative practices
- Withstand against government
- Non-violent or violent attacks



Queen Nzinga 16th and 17th century

- Queen of the Mbundu people
- Claim to throne after the suicide of her brother
- Portuguese were taking over vast areas in Africa
- Nzinga fought against the Portuguese to prevent further expansion of slavery in her area
- The Queen was able to get the Portuguese to sign a peace treaty but the Portuguese didn't uphold on their agreement
- Queen Nzinga led a successful rebellion with her allies



Igbo People 1803



- Most resistant movement known
- Igbo people refused to be slaves and decided they rather take their own life than live a life of a slave
- They overthrew the entire ship
- Igbo people weren't the only people who ultimately decided death would be better than freedom



Haiti Revolution - 1804

- Known as the most successful slave rebellion
- Haitians had defeated some of the best armies without the use of modern technology and weapon machinery
- As a result of the rebellion they won total independence from France
- Haiti was very rich in natural resources but the French prohibited them from trade



Underground Railroad-18th century -1863

- One of the most sophisticated and dangerous forms of resistance
- The underground railroad served as a network to guide slaves to freedom
- Some of the most famous “conductors” were Harriet Tubman, Fredrick Douglas, Samuel Burris, and John Brown
- With the expansion of the underground railroad and loss of slaves new laws were created to inhibit their success.
- Out of the millions of slaves only a small fraction were able to see freedom with the help of the Underground Railroad

Nat Turner Rebellion-1831



- Southhampton County, VA
- Nat Turner known as a local preacher
- Nat Turner believed he had a calling from God
- His rebellion was the most gruesome act during slavery
- Claimed the lives of 60 white men, women and children



Denmark Vesey 1822



- Former slave who purchased his freedom
- Denmark had a family but was unable to afford to pay for their freed
- After purchasing his freedom he became a master carpenter
- He planned to have 9,000 slaves rebel against their slave masters but was unsuccessful
- Betrayed by scared slaves

Post Slavery

- W W I soldiers return
- Jim Crow resistance
- Civil Right Movement
- Black Panther Party




Marcus Garvey

- Garvey created the organization called UNIA(Universal Negro Improvement Association)
- Garvey's movement liberated millions of black and help ignite the desire to rise up against oppression for future leaders
- Marcus provided black people with a new sense of pride and hope



Civil Right Movement-1940s-1960s

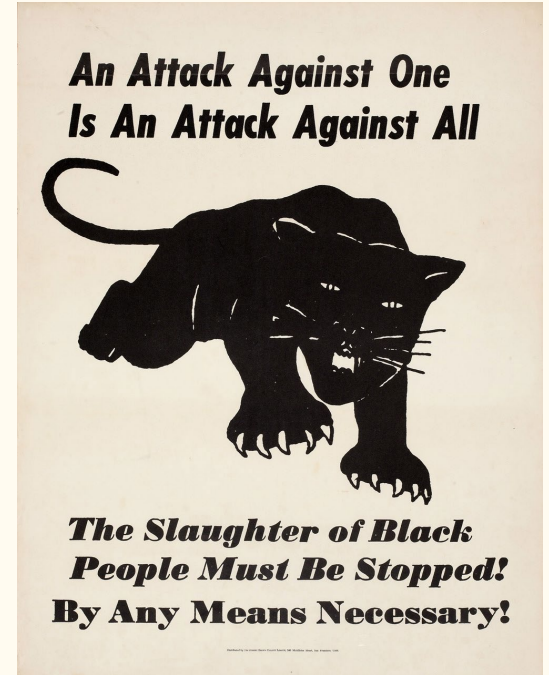
- Many argue about what gave birth to the civil right movement
- Many believe the civil right movement started with Rosa Parks resistance to the Jim Crow laws on the Montgomery bus line
- Based on my research and understanding the civil right movement started after the brutal killing of Emmett Till 
- Blacks collectively decided enough is enough and demanded equality
- Many people can be thank for the rights passed during the civil right movement such as Malcolm X, Martin Luther King JR, WEB Dubois, Gloria Richardson, Jimmie Lee, Medgar Evers, members of the NAACP, Nina Simone, and James Baldwin just a few names of the many who resisted the white supremacy practices in America

Black Panther Movement-1966-

- Right after blacks received their “rights” the Black Panther movement started in Oakland, California in 1966
- The founders were Huey Newton & Bobby Seale
- Goal was to revolutionize black people
- Initially started to as self defense organization
- They provided for the community not only in support but with food, shelter, and free health care

Black Panther Movement Cont...

- Fred Hampton
- Angela Davis
- Katherine Cleaver
- Eldridge Cleaver
- Stokely Carmichael (known as Kwame)
- Assata Shakur



Modern forms of resistance movements

- Resistance with music(ex; James Brown, Nina Simone, and Tupac Shakur)
- Black live matter movement
- Protest when black people are killed or brutalized by police
- Education
- Maintaining culture practices of the ancestors



What happened with most resistant movements?

- Although many times in history blacks have organized and plan different resistance movements many were unsuccessful
- The downfall can to be attributed to many different things



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