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Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry / Show Way Timeline Notes

Over ___ million Africans were forced from their homes and into slavery between the _____ and the mid-_____. They were forced into labor, working on farms and serving their masters. They had no rights and _____.

Slaves were sold at auctions to the highest bidder. Families were _____ as there was little effort or concern over any relationships a slave had.

Slavery existed in every state at one point or another. By the 1800's, _____ states began to abolish slavery. Southern states, with larger plantations that needed man power to be successful, continued to practice slavery.

Once slaves realized that there was the opportunity for freedom in the northern states and Canada, many made plans right away to find a way to get there and be free. The _____ was a network of trails that helped slaves travel out of the South. Many abolitionists hid slaves in their homes or barns during the day and guided the slaves to freedom at night.

_____ was one of the best known "conductors" of the Underground Railroad. Her efforts resulted in hundreds of slaves escaping Southern slavery and finding freedom in the North.

The Civil War (_____ - _____)

- Fought between the Northern and Southern states.
 - The president of the North was _____.
 - The president of the South was _____.
 - There were several different reasons for the war, but a primary dividing point was over the issue of slavery.
 - _____ men lost their lives fighting in this war making it the bloodiest in the history of the United States.
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The Emancipation Proclamation

- Issued _____ by President Lincoln.
- The proclamation freed all slaves held in Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, Virginia, and North Carolina.

- On December 6, 1865, the ____ amendment was passed, completely abolishing slavery.
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1867 - _____

- The group was started by former confederate soldiers.
 - Their goal was to maintain _____ in the South. Often they used terrorist tactics to intimidate, harm, and sometimes kill African-Americans or those who supported the end of slavery and civil rights.
 - The KKK does not appear in Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, but there is a group called the nightmen or riders who are representative of the KKK.
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Civil Rights Act of _____

- Signed into law on March 1, 1875 by President Grant.
 - Guaranteed every person, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, _____.
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1877 - _____

- This was the period after the Civil War in which the United States government worked to _____.
 - Many Southerners viewed this as a Northern occupation. When reconstruction ended, many of the Northern soldiers returned to their homes in Union states.
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1890 _____

- Mississippi and many other states passed voting laws requiring people to be able to pass _____ before being able to vote.
 - This prevented some whites from being able to vote until a law was passed grandfathering anyone whose family had voted prior to 1870.
 - 1870 was when the 15th amendment was passed giving _____.
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1896 - Plessy vs. _____

- This was a court case that followed after Homer Plessy sat in a whites only car on a train in Louisiana.
 - The court case went all the way to the Supreme Court. The court ruled that it was _____

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 - This became known as “ _____.”
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Sharecropping

- After slavery ended, sharecropping became a popular way to continue to farm large plantations.
 - The idea behind the practice was that a family would _____ and they would help _____. The profits from the crops would be shared with the land owner taking in most of the money.
 - As we will see in Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, the sharecropping system was easily turned into a system that kept African-Americans _____ with the plantation owner having control over many aspects of the farmers' lives.
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1929 - _____

- On _____, stocks plummet and widespread panic ensues. Many of the monetary protections in place today did not exist in 1929 and people lost a lot of money without the hope of regaining it.
 - This event led to the _____ that lasted through much of the 1930's.
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1930's - _____

- _____ million people were unemployed and those who kept jobs saw their income reduced by 40%.
 - President _____ was in office during the start of the depression. The camps of poor people that sprouted up across the country became known as Hoovervilles.
 - _____ was elected president after Hoover and is credited with guiding the nation out of the Great Depression.
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-Jim Crow Laws existed from the _____. These were laws which were enforced primarily in the southern states which required _____. This kept African Americans in a position of _____.

1933 - 1934 _____

1954 - _____

- This Supreme Court case _____
 - This led to the _____ of schools across the country, mostly in the South. This was a controversial issue for many years. Remember The Titans discusses this and the events in the movie occurred in the 1970's. As nearby as South Boston, there were riots and protests over bussing students to different schools.
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1963 - _____ delivers his "I have a Dream" speech at the _____ Memorial

- The speech was delivered on the _____ anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Dr. King is one of the best known civil rights activists.
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Civil Rights Act of _____

- Passed by President Johnson, this law outlawed segregation in _____, _____, and _____.
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1965 - 1966 Voting Laws Overturned

- _____ and _____ are outlawed
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1968 - Martin Luther King assassinated

- On April 4, Dr. King was killed at a hotel in Memphis, Tennessee.
 - King had won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.
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_____ - *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* is written

- Mildred Taylor wins the _____ in 1977.
 - Taylor has written several books about the Logan family.
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- In 1983, President _____ signs a bill to name the third Monday in January Martin Luther King Day.
 - The holiday is observed nationally for the first time in 1986.
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1992 - _____ Riots

- Rodney King, an African-American, is stopped by police and severely beaten. A man captures the attack on tape. In a jury trial, the officers are found _____. The city erupts in anger and _____ of rioting ensues.
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- In _____, Super Bowl XXVII is scheduled to be played in Arizona. The game is moved to Pasadena, California after protests that Arizona does not recognize Martin Luther King Day as a holiday. Also in 1993, Arizona voters elect to observe the holiday and the NFL plays the Super Bowl in the state in 1996.
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- In 1994, President _____ signed a bill that changed Martin Luther King Day from a holiday to a _____.
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On August 28, 2011, a _____ was dedicated in Washington D.C. to the memory of Martin Luther King.

- In 2009, Barack Obama is sworn in as the first African-American president of the United States.
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