

# 14 & American Civil Rights Movement

**1868**  
**14th Amendment is ratified**  
The 14th Amendment to the Constitution is ratified, protecting citizenship rights for all Americans. 14 prevents the state from usurping Constitutional rights. It also ensures equal protection and due process for all people.

**1896 - Plessy vs Ferguson**

**1954**

**Condensed Time (1865 to 1954)**

**1960**

**1965**

**1965 - March Selma to Montgomery**

**1865**  
**Civil War ends**

**1968**  
**MLK dies**

**1954 Brown v Board**

The unanimous landmark SC decision of Brown vs Board of Education overturns Plessy v Ferguson (1896). Brown rules that segregation in schools is unconstitutional and violates the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment. It is issued with all deliberate speed