



YOUTH ACTIVISM THROUGH HISTORY

Youth Activism Timeline

Intro

This is a timeline of some of youth leaders who sparked the movement for change and contributed to the civil rights movement. All of these youth fought for many of the things we take for granted today. They inspire and empower us to do the work that we do today, and we owe it to them to keep fighting for change. Read more about them by clicking on hyperlinks below.

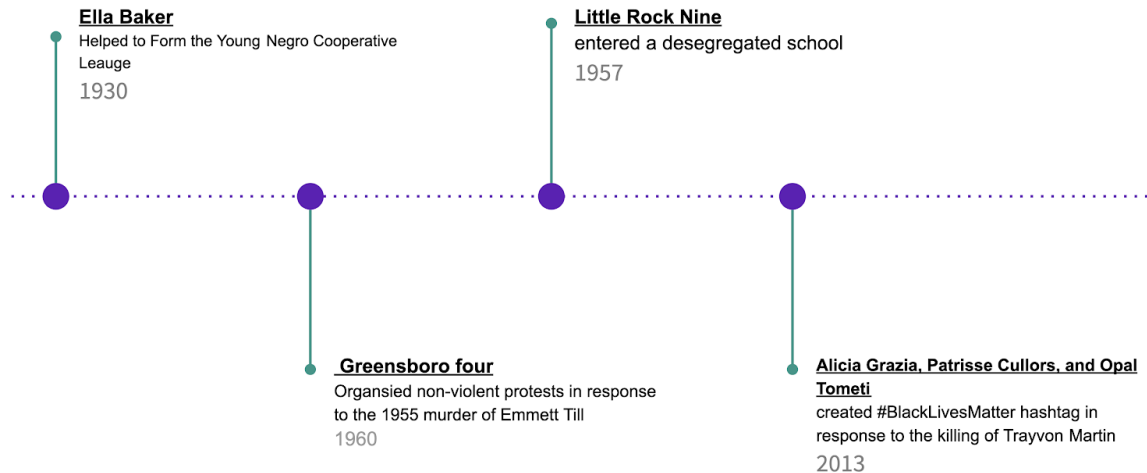
1930: [Ella Baker](#) helped to Form the Young Negro Cooperative League.

1957: [Little Rock Nine](#) including Minnijean Brown, Elizabeth Eckford, Ernest Green, Thelma Mothershed, Melba Patillo, gloria Ray, Terence Roberts, Jefferson Thomas, and Carlotta Walls, were 9 young African American youth entered a desegregated school 3 years after the landmark Supreme Court decision, [Brown V Board of Education](#).

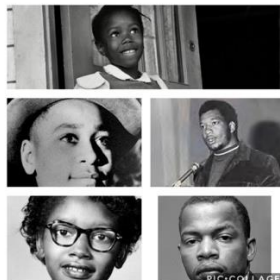
1960: [Greensboro Four](#) including Ezell Blair Jr., David Richmond, Franklin McCain and Joseph McNeil organized non-violent protests in response to the 1955 murder of Emmett Till.

2013: [Black Lives Matter](#) Alicia Grazia, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi created #BlackLivesMatter hashtag in response to the killing of Trayvon Martin.

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Emmett Till - Emmett Louis Till, was a 14-year-old African American who was lynched in Mississippi in 1955. The death of Emmett Till sparked a nation-wide movement and really pushed the civil right movement.

“Emmett Till's murder was a spark in the upsurge of activism and resistance that became known as the Civil Rights movement. The sight of his brutalized body pushed many who had been content to stay on the sidelines directly into the fight.”

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/emmett-impact-emmett-tills-murder/>

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Claudette Colvin - In 1955, 15-year-old Claudette Colvin was riding on a packed public bus in Alabama, when four white passengers boarded the bus. The teen stood her ground by refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus, nine months later Rosa Parks drew national attention for doing the same. This incident motivated many protests and movements. Bus boycotting in the south began to impact businesses.

Ruby Bridges- Six-year-old Ruby Bridges broke Stereotypes and made history as the first African American student to attend William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana after the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court case required schools to desegregate in 1954 Ruby bridges walked so that we can run. Ruby Bridges is a role model for youth across our nation as we can see no matter how much hate they gave, what we do will truly impact generations to come.

John Lewis- In 1965, at the height of the modern civil rights movement, civil rights activists like John Lewis organized a march for voting rights, from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, the state capital. He was 25 years-old then but John Lewis did not stop there, he later became a United States Congressman and continued to fight for civil rights until his death in 2020.

Fred Hampton- Fredrick Allen Hampton was an American activist and one of the [Black Panther Party's](#) (BPP) most influential leaders as chairman of the Illinois chapter. The Black Panther Party was wrongly characterized as only being militant when in fact they did more for promoting social change for disadvantaged people in their communities. Fred Hampton was a target on a government sanctioned murder under the controversial program COINTELPRO. At the time of his death, he was 22 years old. Learn more [about Fred Hampton by watching the Warner Bro's Movie: Judas and the Black Messiah](#)

Disability Activists Who Inspire Us.....

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Youth subcommittee needs to do some work on this. Any help would be appreciated

