THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY: from slavery to Obama

1492: Christopher Columbus lands in "America"

1619: The first slaves arrive in America

1861 to 1865: The American Civil War

1865: Slavery is abolished

1890 to 1965: President Lincoln is assassinated

1955: Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat to a white man

1955: Jim Crow laws: "separate but equal"

1960: Ruby Bridges' first day in an all-white school.

1960: "The Problem we all live with" is published in Look Magazine

1963: Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech

1964: Martin Luther King is assassinated

1964: 3 civil rights activists are murdered in Mississippi.

2008: Obama is elected President