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after quarrel with the Bantu king led to the severing Kilwa's land bridge to the mainland. Settlements in northern Madagascar such as Mahilakale, Irodo, and Iharana also engaged in trade, attracting Arab immigration [148] Bantu migration led to Madagascar and the Comoros from the 9th century, when zebu were first brought. From the 10th century, the Swahili coast was a melting pot of cultures, with numerous kingdoms emerging, many trading goods with the east, and many trading goods with the west. The Swahili coast was a melting pot of cultures, with numerous kingdoms emerging, many trading goods with the east, and many trading goods with the west. The Swahili coast was a melting pot of cultures, with numerous kingdoms emerging, many trading goods with the east, and many trading goods with the west.

which was substantial in the usurpation of Mogadishu's hegemony, while also conquering Pemba and Zanzibar.[citation needed] Kilwa's administration consisted of representatives who ranged from powerful nobles to more powerful ones[citation needed] Meanwhile, the Shafi'i cleric Christoffel Has Pate conquering Shanga, Faza, and prosperous Manda, and was at one time led by the popular Fumo Luyongo.[154] The islands of Pemba, Zanzibar, Lamu, Mafia and the Comoros were further settled by Shirazi and grew in importance due to their geographical positions for trade. By 1100, all regions of Madagascar were inhabited, although the total population remained small.[153-148] Societies organised at the best of each other, which later evolved to embody kinship, and competed with one another over the island's estuaries, with oral histories describing blood clashes and earlier settlers often pushed along the coast or inland.[153][43,5253 An Arab geographer wrote in 1224 that the island consisted of a great many towns and kingdoms, with kings making war on each other.[153]:5152 Assisted by climate change, the peoples gradually transformed the island from dense forest to grassland for cultivation and zebu pastoralism.[153]:71 From the 13th century Muslim settlers arrived, integrating into the respective societies, and held high status owing to Islamic trading networks. Main articles: Urewé, Empire of Kitara, Luo peoples Uganda, Buganda, Nkore, Rwanda, Busoga, and BunyoroThis section needs expansion. You can help by adding to it. (July 2025)Main articles: History of West Africa and Sahelian kingdomsThe Ghana Empire at its greatest extentThe 7th to 13th centuries in West Africa were a period of relatively abundant rainfall that saw the explosive growth of trade, particularly across the Sahara desert, and the flourishing of numerous important states.[155] The introduction of the camel to the western Sahel was a watershed moment, allowing more merchandise to move more easily.[105] These desert-state states are the result of the "golden age of Uleif".[156] The most powerful of these states was the Songhai Empire, which was founded in the late 15th century and reached its peak in the early 16th century. It was founded by Askia Muhammad I, who united the various Songhai chiefdoms under his rule. The empire was known for its wealth, power, and cultural achievements. It was eventually conquered by the Moroccan sultan Ahmad al-Mansur in 1591. 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considered one of the first major examples of Harlem Renaissance writing. Art and Literature United States New York 1901-20001920The Harlem Renaissance was a cultural movement that flourished in the 1920s and 1930s. It was a period of creative productivity for black writers, poets, artists, and musicians. The movement was centered in Harlem, New York City, and it had a profound impact on American culture. The Harlem Renaissance was a response to the racial discrimination and segregation that African Americans experienced in the United States. It was a time when black artists sought to express their experiences and perspectives through their art. The movement was characterized by a sense of pride in black identity and a commitment to social justice. The Harlem Renaissance was a significant moment in the history of African American literature and art. It paved the way for future generations of black artists and writers. The movement's legacy is still felt today, as its influence can be seen in contemporary art and literature.

January 16,Zeta Phi Beta Sororityfounded atHoward University.Black OrganizationsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001920Andrew Ruben Fosterleads the effort to establish theNegro National (Baseball) LeagueFebruary 14 in Kansas City. Eight teams are part of the league.African American AthletesUnited StatesMissouri 1901-20001920On August 26, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution is ratified giving all women the right to vote. Nonetheless, African American women, like African American men, are denied the franchise in most Southern states.Black WomenUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001920Former heavyweight boxing championJack Johnsonposes for the Club Deluxe in Harlem. Two years later gangster Owney Madden buys the club and changes its name to theCotton Club.Black EntertainmentUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001921Shuffle AlongbyNoble SissleandEubie Blakeopens on Broadway on May 23. This is the first major play of the Harlem Renaissance.Black EntertainmentUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001921On May 31-June 1, at least 60 blacks and 21 whites are killed in theTulsa Race Riottulsa, Oklahoma. The violence destroys a thriving African American neighborhood and business district called Deep Greenwood.Racial ViolenceUnited StatesOklahoma 1901-20001921In JuneSadie Tanner Mossell Alexanderof the University of Pennsylvania,Eva B. Dykesof Howard University,and other black educators found theNational Urban Leaguein New York City.Black BusinessUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001921One of the earliest exhibitions of work by African American artists, includingHenry Ossawa TannerandMeta Vaux Warlick Fuller, is held at the 135th Street branch of the New York Public Library.Art and LiteratureUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001921Jesse Binagfondates the Binga State Bank in Chicago. It will become the largest African American bank in the nation before it collapses during the 1929 Stock Market Crash.Black OrganizationsUnited StatesIllinois 1901-20001922In SeptemberWilliam Leo Hansberryof Howard University teaches the first course in African history and civilization at an American university.Black EducationUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001922Sigma Gamma Rho Sororityfounded on November 12 in Indianapolis, Indiana.Black OrganizationsUnited StatesIndiana 1901-20001922The Harmon Foundation is established in New York City to promote African American participation in the fine arts.Art and LiteratureUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001923On January 4, the small, predominantly black town of Rosewood, Florida is destroyed by a mob of white residents from nearby communities. The attack would be known as theRosewood Massacre.Racial ViolenceUnited StatesFlorida 1901-20001923Marcus Garveyis imprisoned for mail fraud. He is sent to the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta in 1925.Crime and PunishmentUnited StatesGeorgia 1901-20001923In September,theCotton Clubopens in Harlem.Black ResidentsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001923Bessie Smith signs with Columbia Records to produce race records. Her recording, "Down-Hearted Blues," becomes the first million-selling record by an African American artist. Two years later she records "St. Louis Blues" without Armstrong20th Century Black MusicUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001923On November 20,Garret T. Morganpatents a caution light which improves the traffic signal.Exploration and DiscoveryUnited StatesOhio 1901-20001923TheNational Urban Leaguepublishes its first issue, "Opportunity."Presidential ElectionUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001923Woodrow Wilson is elected President of the United States.HistoryUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001923The NAACP is founded in New York City.Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001923Photographer James Van Der Zeebegins his career by capturing images ofMarcus Garveyand the UNIA.Art and LiteratureUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001925The Negro byAlain Lockeis published in New York City.Art and LiteratureUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001925The National Bar Association, an organization of black attorneys, is established on August 1 in Des Moines, Iowa.Black OrganizationsUnited StatesIowa 1901-20001925On August 2, theBrotherhood of Sleeping Car Portersand Maids is organized with A. Philip Randolphas its first president.Black OrganizationsUnited StatesIllinois 1901-20001925The American Negro Labor Congress is founded in Chicago in October.Establishes Negro History Week in February between the Abraham Lincoln andFrederick DouglassBirthdays.Black Holidays and CelebrationsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001926Dr. Mordcaiel Johnsonbecomes the first African American president of Howard University in September.Black EducationUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001926The Carnegie Corporation purchasesArturo Schomburg'scollection of books and artifacts on African American life. The collection becomes the basis for theSchomburg Center for Research in Black Culturein New York City.Art and LiteratureUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001927Chicago businessman Abe Beamesfounds theBeaumont Newhall Museumin Detroit, Michigan.Black OrganizationsUnited StatesMichigan 1901-20001927The National Urban League publishes its second issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesPennsylvania 1901-20001928On November 6,Oscar DePriest, a Republican, is elected to Congress from Chicago South Side. He is the first African American to represent a northern, urban district.Black PoliticsUnited StatesIllinois 1901-20001928TheAtlantaDaily Worldbegins publication in November. The Black PressUnited StatesGeorgia 1901-20001929Fats Waller's musical,Aint Misbehavin,opens on Broadway.Black EntertainmentUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001930Census of 1930, Black population: 11,891,143 (9.7 percent). U.S. population: 122,775,466Black PopulationUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001930James V. Herring establishes the Howard University Gallery of Art, the first gallery in the United States directed and controlled by African Americans. It is also one of the earliest galleries to highlight African American art.Art and LiteratureUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001930Wallace Fard Muhammadfounds Black Muslim movement in Detroit in 1930. Four years laterElIJah Muhammadasumes control of the movement and transfers the headquarters to Chicago.20th Century Black ReligionUnited StatesMichigan 1901-20001931Walter Whiteis named NAACP executive secretary. Soon afterwards the NAACP mounts a new strategy primarily using lawsuits to end racial discrimination.The Civil Rights MovementUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001931TheScottsboro Boysare arrested in Alabama. Their trial begins on April 6.Crime and PunishmentUnited StatesAlabama 1901-20001931William Grant Stillbecomes the first black symphony composer to have his music performed by a major symphony orchestra when the Rochester, New York, Philharmonic Orchestra presents "The Afro-American Symphony" in concert.20th Century Black MusicUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001932TheTuskegee Syphilis Experimentbegins under the direction of the U.S. Public Health Service. The experiment ends in 1972.Healed and PreservedUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001932The Tuskegee Institute is founded in 1932 by Dr. Charles L. Jackson, a physician and educator who served as its president until 1968.Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001932The Los Angeles Sentinelis founded by Leon H. Rousey. The Black PressUnited StatesCalifornia 1901-20001933Dudley Murphy releases the filmThe Emperor JonesstarringPaul Robeson.Black EntertainmentUnited StatesCalifornia 1901-20001934W.E.B. Du Boisresigns from the NAACP in a dispute over the strategy of the organization in its campaign against racial discrimination.Roy Wilkinsbecomes the new editor ofCrismagazine.The Civil Rights MovementUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001934The Southern Tenant Farmers Union organized by the Socialist Party.Racial AlliancesUnited StatesArkansas 1901-20001934Zora Neale Hurston'sfirst novel,Johans Gourd Vine, is published.Art and LiteratureUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001934After operating under a number of names, theApollo Theateropens under its current name in Harlem.Black EntertainmentUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001935On March 20, theHarlem Race Riot, a one day riot eruptingbetween two people dead,Racial ViolenceUnited StatesMichigan 1901-20001935On November 5, the Maryland Supreme Court rules inNorris v. Alabamathat a defendant has a right to trial by a jury of his or her peers.Major Judicial DecisionsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001935The Michigan Chronicleis founded in Detroit by Louis E. Martin.The Black PressUnited StatesMichigan 1901-20001935On November 5, the Maryland Supreme Court rules inMurphy v. Pearsonthat the University of Maryland must admit African Americans to its law school or establish a separate school for blacks. The University of Maryland chooses to admit its first black studentMajor Judicial DecisionsUnited StatesMaryland 1901-20001935On December 24,Mary McLeod Bethuncalls together the leaders of 28 national women's organizations to found theNational Council of Negro Womenin New York City.Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The first meeting of theNational Negro Congresstakes place in Chicago on February 14, 1936. Nearly 600 black organizations are represented.Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its third issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its fourth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its fifth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its sixth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its seventh issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its eighth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its ninth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its tenth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its eleventh issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its twelfth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its thirteenth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its fourteenth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its fifteenth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its sixteenth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its seventeenth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its eighteenth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its nineteenth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its twentieth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its twenty-first issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its twenty-second issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its twenty-third issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its twenty-fourth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its twenty-fifth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its twenty-sixth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its twenty-seventh issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its twenty-eighth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its twenty-ninth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its thirtieth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its thirty-first issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its thirty-second issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its thirty-third issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its thirty-fourth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its thirty-fifth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its thirty-sixth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its thirty-seventh issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its thirty-eighth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its thirty-ninth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its fortieth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its forty-first issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its forty-second issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its forty-third issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001936The NAACP publishes its forty-fourth issue, "Opportunity."Black OrganizationsUnited StatesNew York 190



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The verdict triggers a three day uprising in Los Angeles called theRodney King Riotthat results in over 50 people killed, over 2,000 injured and 8,000Crime and PunishmentUnited StatesCalifornia 1901-20001992On September 12, Dr.Mae Carol Jemisonbecomes the first African American woman in space when she travels on board the space shuttle Endeavor.Exploration and DiscoveryUnited StatesFlorida 1901-20001992On November 3,Carol Moseley Braunof Illinois becomes the first African American woman elected to the United States Senate.Black PoliticsUnited StatesIllinois 1901-20001992William "Bill" Pinkney becomesthe first African American and only the fourth American to singlehandedly navigate a sailboat around the world.African American AthletesUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001993In AprilFreeman Robertson Bosley Jr.becomes the first African American mayor of St. Louis, Missouri.Black PoliticsUnited StatesMissouri 1901-20001993Joyceelyn M. Eldersbecomes the first African American and the first woman to be named United States Surgeon General on September 7.Presidential AppointmentsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001993On October 7,Toni Morrisonbecomes the first black American to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. The work honored is her novel,Beloved.Art and LiteratureUnited Statesen. a. 1901-20001994On June 12,O.J. Simpson'sformer wife, Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman are found stabbed to death. O.J. Simpson emerges as the leading suspect and is subsequently arrested on June 17 after a two hour low speed pursuit of Simpson and hiCrime and PunishmentUnited StatesCalifornia 1901-20001994Corey D. Flourney is elected president of the 400,000 member Future Farmers of America convention in Kansas City, Missouri.Agricultural DevelopmentUnited StatesMissouri 1901-20001995On May 6,Ron Kirkwon the mayoral race in Dallas, becoming the first African American mayor of the city.Black PoliticsUnited StatesTexas 1901-20001995On October 3, after an eight month nervous trial,O.J. Simpsonis acquitted of the charges of murdering his wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman in the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman in the Los Angeles area.Crime and PunishmentUnited StatesCalifornia 1901-20001995TheMillion Man Marchorganized byMinister Louis Farrakhanhas other political activists is held in Washington, D.C. On October 17,Black Men United StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001995Dr. Helene Doris Gayle becomes the first woman and the first African American Director of the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.Health and MedicineUnited StatesGeorgia 1901-20001995Lonnie Bristowis the first African American president of the American Medical Association.Health and MedicineUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001996Commerce SecretaryRon Brownis killed in a plane crash near Dubrovnik, Croatia on April 3.Black PoliticsUnited Statesen. a. 1901-20001996On April 9, George Walker becomes the first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize for Music. The winning composition, "Lilies for Soprano or Tenor and Orchestra", is based on a poem by Walt Whitman.20th Century Black MusicUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001996In May, President Bill Clinton signs into law thePersonal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Actwhich replaces Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) with state block grants. It also substantially cuts programs designed to help tThe Black FamilyUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001996On November 5, California voters passProposition 209which outlaws affirmative action throughout the state.Affirmative ActionUnited StatesCalifornia 1901-20001996Margaret Dixon is the first African American elected president of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).Health and MedicineUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001997On April 13, golferTiger Woodswins the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia. At 21 he is the youngest golfer ever to win the title. He is also the first African American to hold the title.African American AthletesUnited StatesGeorgia 1901-20001997In June, Harvey Johnson, Jr. was sworn in as the first black mayor of Jackson, Mississippi.Black PoliticsUnited StatesMississippi 1901-20001997On October 25 African American women participate in theMillion Woman Marchin Philadelphia, focusing on health care, education, and self-help.Black Women United StatesPennsylvania 1901-20001997In December, Lee Patrick Bryant becomes Houston's first African American mayor.Black PoliticsUnited StatesTexas 1901-20001997Wynton Marsalis's "Black or the Field" becomes the first jazz composition to win a Pulitzer Prize in Music.20th Century Black MusicUnited StatesNew York 19001-20001997President Bill Clinton makes a formal apology to black men exploited in the U.S. Public Health Service's Tuskegee Syphilis Study.Health and MedicineUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001997Lois Jean White is the first African American to be elected president of the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA).Black EducationUnited StatesVirginia 1901-20001998On June 7, churchgoers discover the dismembered body of James Byrd, Jr., in Jasper, Texas. It is later determined that three white supremacists chained Byrd, who is black, to the back of a pick-up truck and dragged him to his death.Racial ViolenceUnited StatesTexas 1901-20001998President Bill Clinton appoints prominent historianJohn Hope Franklinto lead the President's Commission on Race to promote a national dialogue on issues affecting African Americans in the United States, and to ease racial tensions.Presidential AppointmentsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001998Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins becomes the first African American president of the National League of Women Voters.Black PoliticsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20001999On January 13, after thirteen seasons and six NBA championships, professional basketball starMichael Jordandretires from the game as a player.African American AthletesUnited StatesIllinois 1901-20001999On September 10,Serena Williamswins the U.S. Open Women's Singles Tennis Championship in Flushing Meadows, the first African American woman to do so since Althea Gibson's win in 1958.African American AthletesUnited StatesNew York 1901-20001999Maurice Ashley becomes the world's first black chess grandmasters, the game's highest rank.African American AthletesUnited StatesNew York 1901-20002000Census of 2000, U.S. population: 281,421,906. Black population: 34,658,190 (12.3 percent)Black PopulationUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 1901-20002000Rev. Vashli M. McKenzie becomes the first woman bishop of the African Methodist Zion Church.20th Century Black ReligionUnited StatesMaryland 1901-20002000Lillian Elaine Fishbourne becomes the first black woman admiral in the U.S. Navy.African American United StatesVirginia 200 200011n January, President-elect George W. Bush nominatesColin Powellto be Secretary of State.Candoleezza Riceis also appointed to the position.National Security Advisor for the Bush Administration. This is the first time either post has been held by APresidential AppointmentsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 2001-200111on NovemberShirley Clarke Franklinbecomes the first African American woman to head the government of a major Southern city whe she is elected mayor of Atlanta.Black PoliticsUnited StatesGeorgia 2001-200211n March,Halle BerryandDenzel Washingtonwin Oscars for best actress and best actor for their portrayals in Monsters Ball and Training Day respectively.Black HollywoodUnited StatesCalifornia 2001-2002Dennis Archer, former Mayor of Detroit, becomes the first African American to be elected President of the American Bar Association.The Legal SystemUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 2001-20032003significant population shifts and reduced resistance to residential integration result in more African Americans living in the suburbs of Los Angeles and Seattle than in their city limits.Black PopulationUnited StatesCalifornia 2001-200330n June 23 the U.S. Supreme Court in Grutter v. Bollinger upholds the University of Michigan Law School's admission policy which supports affirmative action. In the simultaneously heard Gratz v. Bollinger case, the Supreme Court requires the University ofAffirmative ActionUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 2001-20040n November 2, State SenatorBarack Obamais elected to the U.S. Senate from Illinois. He becomes the second African American elected to the Senate from that state and only the fifth black senator in U.S. history.Black PoliticsUnited StatesIllinois 2001-20051n January,Candoleezza Ricebecomes Secretary of State. She is the second woman and the first African American woman to hold the post.Presidential AppointmentsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 2001-20050n August 30, Hurricane Katrina hits the Gulf Coast, taking an estimated 1,700 lives. The vast majority of the deaths are in Louisiana including heavily African American New Orleans.The EnvironmentUnited StatesLouisiana 2001-2006With the Democratic takeover of both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate in the November mid-term elections, for the first time in U.S. history four African American members of Congress chair full committees in the House: Rep. John Conyers(Mi.),Black PoliticsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 2001-20060n November 7Deval Patrickis elected Governor of Massachusetts. He becomes the second African American in the nation, afterL. Douglas Wildernin Virginia in 1989, to be popularly elected to this position.Black PoliticsUnited StatesMassachusetts 2001-2007The U.S. Supreme Court inParents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1, and Meredith v. 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Steelebecomes Chairman of National Republican Committee and thus effectively heads the Republican Party.Post-1970 PoliticsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 2001-2010Obamacame passed by Congress and signed into law by President ObamaBlack PoliticsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 2001-2012President Barack Obama is re-elected President of the United States.Black PoliticsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 2001-2012George Zimmerman fatally shoots Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Florida. Zimmerman was later acquitted of all charges in 2013.Racial ViolenceUnited StatesFlorida 2001-2013Black Lives Matter hashtag founded by activists Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cillors, Opal Tometi following the non-guilty verdict in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.Black PoliticsUnited StatesCalifornia, Arizona 2001-2013Cymnaust Simone Biles becomes the first African American world all-around champion.African American AthletesUnited StatesPennsylvania 2001-2014Tim Scott serves as the first elected senator from South Carolina since ReconstructionBlack PoliticsUnited StatesSouth Carolina 2001-2015A mass shooter takes the lives of nine African American people at a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. This would become known as the Charleston Church Shooting. Dylann Roof would be convicted of 33 counts of hate crime and murder charges and sentenced to death.Racial ViolenceUnited StatesSouth Carolina 2001-2015Misty Copeland becomes the first African American woman principal dancer for the American Ballet Theatre.Black Women United StatesNew York 2001-2016Smithsonian National African American History Museum opens.Black OrganizationsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 2001-2016NFL Quarterback Colin Kaepernick kneels for the national anthem drawing nationwide attention to police violence and influencing other players throughout the sports world.African American AthletesUnited StatesCalifornia 2001-2016Carla Hayden serves as the first African American librarian of Congress.Black PoliticsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 2001-2017Amanda Gorman is named the youngest National Youth Poet Laureate.Art and LiteratureUnited StatesCalifornia 2001-2018Bilhan Omar becomes the first Somali-American elected to CongressBlack PoliticsUnited StatesMinnesota 2001-2020Kobe Bryant and daughter Gianna Bryant die in helicopter crash in Calabasas, California.African American AthletesUnited StatesCalifornia 2001-2020Breonna Taylor gunned down in her own home by police officers.Racial ViolenceUnited StatesKentucky 2001-2020Ahmaud Arbery was shot and killed while jogging in Brunswick, Georgia.Racial ViolenceUnited StatesGeorgia 2001-2020George Floyd dies at the hands of police officer Derek Chauvin sparking international protests. Chauvin was later found guilty and sentenced to 22 years in 2021.Racial ViolenceUnited StatesMinnesota 2001-2020Wilton Gregory Arbery becomes first African American catholic cardinal.Black ReligionUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 2001-2021Raphael Warnock wins Georgia Special Election and becomes first African American senator from Georgia.Black PoliticsUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia 2001-2021Kamala Harris sworn in as first African American and woman vice-presidentBlack WomenUnited StatesDistrict of Columbia Africa provides a comprehensive and contiguous time line of human development going back at least 7 million years. Africa, which developed the world's oldest human civilization, gave humanity the use of fire a million and half to two million years ago. It is the home of the first tools, astronomy, jewelry, fishing, mathematics, crops, art, use of pigments, cutting and other pointed instruments and animal domestication. In short Africa gave the world human civilization. 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