

Protest observer, Walter Gadsden being attacked by police dogs during a Civil Rights protest, Birmingham, Alabama



Fifty years ago, [an angry white mob attacked a racially mixed group](http://www.clarionledger.com/viewart/20130528/NEWS01/305280018/Sitting-down-they-took-stand-Miss-remembers-Woolworth-s-sit-anniversary)that sought to integrate a whites-only lunch counter in Mississippi's capital city.



Elizabeth Eckford, followed and taunted by an angry crowd after she was denied entrance to Little Rock Central High School, September 4, 1957. T



John Lewis, the leader of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, is beaten by a state trooper March 7, 1965, as he attempts to march with 600 others from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in a right-to-vote demonstration. Many marchers suffered broken bones and temporary blindness by tear gas.



**Auction Block** was used to buy and sell many items including the buying and selling of **slaves.**



The Underground Railroad, a vast network of people who helped fugitive slaves escape to the North and to Canada, was not run by any single organization or person. Rather, it consisted of many individuals -- many whites but predominantly black . The Underground Railroad had many notable participants, including Harriet Tubman, who made 19 trips into the South and escorted over 300 slaves to freedom.