

**AFRICAN AMERICAN'S
HERITAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO OUR SOCIETY**



AFRICAN AMERICANS ARRIVED IN NORTH AMERICA UNDER DURESS AS SLAVES, AND THERE IS NO STARKER ILLUSTRATION OF THE DOMINANT- SUBORDINATE GROUP RELATIONSHIP THAN THAT OF SLAVERY.

SLAVES WERE STRIPPED OF ALL THEIR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AND WERE AT THE ABSOLUTE MERCY OF THEIR OWNERS. FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS, THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT WAS AN INDICATION THAT A SUBORDINATE GROUP WOULD NO LONGER WILLINGLY SUBMIT TO DOMINATION.

THE MAJOR BLOW TO AMERICA'S FORMALLY INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM WAS THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964. THIS ACT, WHICH IS STILL FOLLOWED TODAY, BANNED DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

SOME SOCIOLOGISTS, HOWEVER, WOULD ARGUE THAT INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM PERSISTS, ESPECIALLY SINCE AFRICAN AMERICANS STILL FAIR POORLY IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, INSURANCE COVERAGE, AND INCARCERATION, AS WELL AS IN THE AREAS OF ECONOMICS, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION.



SOME PEOPLE AND THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Norbert Rillieux



Joe Louis

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON



MARY MCCLLOUD BETHUNE



Daniel Hale Williams

Officers of the U.S. Army
Benjamin Oliver Davis Sr

RICHARD ALLEN



Scott Joplin

W.B.E. Dubois

William Ellison
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