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African American leadership emerges after civil war

- **Booker T. Washington** leads in last part of 1800s
  - o Emerges as the first Af.Am. leader
  - o He is just what the white man ordered
    - Southerner from Mississippi
    - Message for Af.Am: don't challenge the white man, don't try to enter white dominated professions, be a small farmer, do a trade that won't threaten whites. once whites see that you are a fine human being they will give you rights
  - o Whites in south loved Booker's message because it kept blacks out of white professions
- Early 1900s **W.E.B. DuBois** emerges as 2<sup>nd</sup> leader
  - o Involved in NAACP
  - o His message is completely different from Washington's
  - o Blacks should demand their rights
  - o Blacks are equal to whites
  - o Has nothing but disdain for Washington
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Af.Am. to get doctorate from Harvard
  - o Early champion for Civil Rights
  - o He decides Civil rights are never going to work and goes to Africa to be a communist because he thought it wouldn't work
- **Marcus Garvey** emerges in 1920s

- o Originally from Jamaica moves to New York
- o Says that Washington is wrong we shouldn't wait for rights
- o DuBOis is wrong we are not equal
- o believed that Blacks were superior to whites
  - Calls on Black pride
  - Doing surgery while Whites still attaching leeches to people
- o Af. Am. are better and superior than whites
- o Sent him to prison on phony charges
- o wanted to leave whites and go back to Africa
  - Starts selling tickets on steam ships
  - Gets arrested for "selling shares" when he wasn't
  - Put in jail to ruin his effectiveness as Af.Am. leader

World War 2 was a major change for African Americans

- Af.Am. fought for George Washington in Revolution
  - o Washington urged Af.Am. to fight in war
- War of 1812 initially didn't want any negro soldiers but then when saw army they enlisted Af.Am. to help
- Civil War went the same way for Lincoln (North)
  - o enlisted 10s of 1,00s of blacks
- WW1 Wilson didn't want blacks but then changed mind
- Reversed need for blacks as war progressed
- WW2 is the first war where Blacks could join army from the onset
  - o Segregated units

- o 1949 army is integrated
- o tens of thousands of African Americans go to Europe
  - Many come from south where they grew up in segregation and figure out that they can do anything that they want overseas
  - When they come back from the war they find out they can go to college

#### Worst KKK violence takes place in Orange County Florida

- Wave of violence comes about to keep Af.Am. in the fields picking oranges
- Harry T. Moore Christmas night 1950 his home is blown up by the Klan
- Late 1940s to early 1950s the worst violence towards Af.Am.
  - o Klan was present in the authority so nothing was done to punish the Klan

#### Grandfather clause struck down

- “You have the same rights as your grandfather”
  - o Whatever your grandfather could do you could do
  - o Deemed unconstitutional
- Later establish that Blacks SHOULD serve on juries
  - o 50 years later blacks still excluded from southern juries routinely
  - o Blacks weren't summoned for jury duty
- 1930s and 1940s Supreme court chips away at segregation in schools with separate but equal clauses
  - o Room built for Af.Am students with crummy lab
  - o But when the Af.Am. students want to pursue higher education there are no such schools for Af.Ams
  - o Courts say that Af.Am have to have school for them or put them in white school