

Notes — Week 8

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Period 3

- The Montgomery Bus Boycott is where Martin Luther King Jr. first appeared on the public radar
 - He brought up the ideas of love and civil disobedience
 - The boycott lasted 382 days
 - In November 1956, the US Supreme Court ruled that Alabama's racial segregation laws for buses were unconstitutional (Plessy v. Ferguson)
 - Brown v. Board of Education only desegregated schools
 - Governor George Wallace of Alabama said that segregation would proceed
 - 20 unsolved bombings occurred in Birmingham between 1957 and 1963
 - Bail prices increased 800% (8th amendment did not apply to states until later)
 - Martin Luther King Jr. and Ralph Abernathy went to jail for marching
- 186 cities across America marched in support of marching students
- Life magazine wrote about the movement, furthering its publicity
- Television changed everything, as it further publicized the struggle
- On June 11, 1963, Kennedy asks for civil rights reforms
- On 9/15/1963, dynamite destroyed the sixteenth street church
- Voting Rights Act of 1965 guaranteed rights that had been part of law but not life