

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR EDUCATORS

General Timeline of Events Covered In the DVD

Events presented in, *The Historic Journey: "Yes We Can: The African American Experience in American History*, reflect significant moments in the African American story. Through images set to the music, "*Never Could Have Made It*" written by Marvin Sapp, the DVD provides a brief glimpse as to how the past and the present are connected. The following themes are explored in the video:

- **Footprints on the Sands** – representing the Laetoli Footprints of Africa
- **Slave Ship Crossing the Atlantic Ocean The Middle Passage and Captivity**
- African American Images of people and events associated in the struggle for freedom

Sojourner Truth	Nat Turner
Fredrick Douglas	Harriet Tubman
Marcus Garvey	Ida B. Wells
Emmett Till	Malcolm X
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	
Rosa Parks	

- **Freedom Marches Selma, Alabama**
"I Have a Dream Speech" in Washington, D. C. – (1963)
- **Images in the Life of Barack Obama:**
Family
Graduation
Teaching
Senator
- **Connections**
The Kennedys and Dr. M. L. King, Jr.,
The Past; Slavery;
The Civil Rights Era



- **The Campaign** – Challenges, Prayer, Speeches, Debates; Voting Rights in the Past and Present

- List of those who have contributed to the African American journey (*found at end of DVD*):

Sojourner Truth	Denmark Vesey
Malcolm X	Crispus Attucks
Langston Hughes	James Weldon Johnson
Marcus Garvey	Elijah Muhammad
W. E. B. DuBois	Carter G. Woodson
Booker T. Washington	Madame C. J. Walker
Rosa Parks	James Farmer
Stokely Carmichael	Ida B. Wells
Fredrick Douglas	Freedom Riders
Viola Luizzo	Medgar Evers
Tom Benjamin	Fannie Lou Hamer
H. Rap Brown	Adam Clayton Powell
Jackie Robinson	Huey P. Newton
Julia Carson	A. Phillip Randolph
Coretta Scott King	Thurgood Marshall
Mickey Schwerner	Andrew Goodman
James Chaney	Dr. Charles Drew
Benjamin Banneker	John Henry Clark
Ernest Everett Just	Daisy Bates
Marian Anderson	Gabriel Prosser
Dorothy Height	

- **Election Night** – The Announcement and World Wide Reactions
- **Parallels in the Lives of Barack Obama and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**
- **Inauguration Day** – January 20, 2009
- **Selection for the Nobel Peace Prize**
- **Footprints on the Sands**