

**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
TIMELINE**

DATE	EVENT
April, 1917	America enters World War I
November, 1918	World War I ends
1896	In "Plessy vs. Ferguson," the US Supreme Court declares that state laws that allowed "separate" facilities (schools, restrooms, busses, etc.) for blacks and whites were constitutional as long as they were "equal."
1876 through 1965.	Jim Crow laws were created. These laws established segregation (separation) of blacks and whites.
May, 1866.	The Ku Klux Klan was started in Tennessee. Its first goal was to stop blacks from gaining the right to vote.
October, 1929 through 1940	The US stock market crashes. This is the beginning of the Great Depression. More than 3 million people are unemployed.
1931	The Scottsboro Boys - Nine black youths are arrested for the suspected rape of two white girls. The last defendant would not be released until 1950.
1925	In its first national demonstration the Ku Klux Klan marches on Washington, D.C
1908	In "Berea College v. Kentucky," the United States Supreme Court upheld the rights of states to prohibit private educational institutions from admitting both black and white students.
1865	Slavery is abolished (ended) in the United States.