

Fences chronology

1904	_____
1911	_____
1914	_____
1914-1918	World War I (American involvement begins 1917)
1918	_____
1919	race riots in America
1923	_____
1924	_____, _____, _____
1929	Stock Market crashes, Great Depression begins
1939	_____, _____
1940	_____
1941-1945	American involvement in World War II
1947	Jackie Robinson breaks color barrier
1948	Truman signs Executive Order 9981 ("It is hereby declared to be the policy of the President that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin.")
1954	Brown v. Board of Education
1955	Emmett Till lynched, Rosa Parks arrested
1957	Little Rock Central High School integrated
1957	_____
1958	_____, _____, _____
1961	summer of the Freedom Riders
1963	Martin Luther King, Jr. ("Letter from Birmingham Jail" and March on Washington), Medgar Evers murdered, Birmingham church bombing
1964	Johnson signs Civil Rights Act
1965	_____, America involved in Vietnam