Where Were You?

A Black Lives Matter Timeline in the Making

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-14/black-lives-matter-timeline/7585856

https://repository.library.georgetown.edu/bitstream/handle/10822/1040691/Black%20Lives%20Matter%20Timeline%20.pdf?sequence=1

**YOUR DIRECTIONS: This timeline was created with the online websites listed above and is NOT conclusive. Read it over and make notes in the margin to fulfill the three questions below.**

1. Is there an event that you think needs to go on this timeline? Kendrick Lamar at the Grammies (2016)? Beyonce’s Lemonade? Make a note of this. When we get started on the communal timeline, please be prepared to make a new page with one of the sheets of paper available to you in. Use your phone, talk to a neighbor, etc to get the info you need.
2. Is there more information that needs to be added to an event already on the timeline? *Please note: police officers’ names have not been used as a way to explicitly represent them as overseers of the state.* When we get started on the communal timeline, bne prepared to go straight to the chart and write right on the white page. Use your phone, talk to a neighbor, etc to get the info you need.
3. Make notes of memorable times, places, mind-spaces where you had conversations/interactions related to the issues on the timeline. When we get started on the communal timeline, be prepared to write these memories in the brown spaces. Include your name (at least first name) on the chart in the room. Feel free to throw up hashtags, people’s names, ancestors, etc in the brown space also. You can draw, write slogans… be ready to chronicle your lives as you see fit.

February 26, 2012

Trayvon Martin, 17, is fatally shot by George Zimmerman on a visit to the convenience store while visiting his father in Sanford, Florida. Zimmerman is not charged by Sanford Police. After a public outcry, Zimmerman is charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter. Zimmerman is later acquitted of murdering Martin and goes on to the sell the gun he used to shoot the teen for $250,000.

**November 23, 2012**

Jordan Davis, 17, and his three friends are stopped in a gas station parking lot to buy gum and cigarettes in Jacksonville, Florida. They are approached by Michael Dunn who shoots 10 rounds into their car, killing Davis.

**July 14, 2013**

Patrisse Cullors re-posts a message about the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the murder of Trayvon Martin with the hashtag #blacklivesmatter.

July 20, 2013

First massive protest occurs for Trayvon Martin; over 1,000 people stage a sit-in in Times Square.

**November 2, 2013**

Renisha McBride, 19, knocks on the door of Theodore Wafer's home in the early hours of the morning after she is involved in a car crash in Detroit, Michigan. Wafer fatally shoots her through his door.

**July 17, 2014**

Eric Garner, 43, is killed by NYPD officer after being put in a chokehold on the side of the road.

A bystander films the footage of the 43-year-old father gasping for air and saying "I can't breathe" before turning limp. The phrase becomes a key part of the Black Lives Matter movement. Protests erupt in New York after a grand jury fails to indict the officer despite the fact that the city's medical examiner rules Garner's death a homicide. The four EMS workers who responded after Garner went into cardiac arrest are suspended without pay

August 5, 2014

John Crawford, 22, is shot dead by police after being seen with a toy gun, which he picked up in at a Walmart in Ohio.He and his girlfriend were at the Walmart store in Beavercreek, Ohio, to pick up crackers, marshmallows and chocolate bars for a family gathering.

August 9, 2014

Michael Brown is killed in Ferguson, Missouri. A state of emergency is declared in Missouri after protests. Black Lives Matter Freedom Riders take buses to Ferguson Missouri in support of protestors. Solidarity protests break out in cities across the country in support of the Ferguson protestors

August 11, 2014

Ezell Ford, who according to his family has a mental disability, is killed by Los Angeles police officers while walking in the street. An autopsy shows Ford had been shot in the back at close range.

August 30, 2014

Protests in St. Louis stop traffic for 4 1/2 hours as a symbolic tribute to the amount of time Brown spent lying in the street.

October 8, 2014

Vonderitt D. Myers Jr. is killed by the St. Louis police.

**October 20, 2014**

Laquan McDonald, 17, is shot 16 times in 13 seconds by police after he refuses to drop a three-inch knife in Chicago, Illinois. Dash-cam footage of the incident is released by officials on November 24, 2015, prompting hundreds to protest. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel fires the city's police superintendent Garry McCarthy over his handling of the shooting.

November 16, 2014

Hundreds of protestors stay a die in to symbol the 100 days that have passed since the death of Brown.

**November 23, 2014**

Tamir Rice, 12, is shot by a police officer after carrying a toy gun in Cleveland, Ohio. A call is made to police. The caller says the gun is "probably fake." Within seconds of arriving on the scene, police kill Rice. A Cleveland grand jury declines to bring charges against the police officers.

November 25, 2014

“Stand Up to Racism” and the London Black Revolution organize a protest outside of the London Embassy.

November 26, 2014

Protestors shutdown the 101 in LA. The Black Youth Project stage a sit-in outside Mayor Rahm Emanuel's office.

November 30, 2014

St. Louis Rams participate in protest on the field.

December 4, 2014

Thousands of protestors in NYC block traffic, shutdown Manhattan and the Brooklyn Bridge.

December 8, 2014

Lebron James, Kobe Bryant and the LA Lakers wears an #ICan'tBreathe shirt in solidarity during a basketball game.

December 11, 2014

Black Congressional Staffers atage A #HandsUpDon'tShoot Walkout in support of Garner and Brown.

December 24, 2014

Antonio Martin is killed by St. Louis police.

February 1, 2015

The African American Policy Forum releases document on the deaths of black women by police brutality and coin the hashtag #SayHerName

**April 12, 2015**

Freddie Gray runs after seeing police in Baltimore, Maryland. The 25-year-old is arrested for possessing what they describe as an illegal switchblade. Requests for his inhaler are ignored. He is put into the police vehicle without a restraint, against police policy. While being transported in a police van, he falls into a coma from injuries to his spinal cord.  Demonstrators protest in the streets and the National Guard is dispatched.

July 13, 2015

Sandra Bland, 28, is found hanged while in police custody in Texas. She had been pulled over for a minor traffic violation.

July 18, 2015

Black Lives Matter members disrupt the NetRoots national annual convention of cyber activists in Phoenix, Arizona.

November 16, 2015

Jamar Clark, 24, is shot in the head by police. The Black Lives Matter movement protests outside the Fourth Precinct police station for 18 days. No charges are filed against police officers.

November 20, 2015

Days later Akai Gurley is in the stairwell of a Brooklyn apartment building on November 20 when he is shot dead. A New York police officer Peter Liang is charged with murder.

July 5, 2016

Two videos capture the moment Alton Sterling, 37, is pinned down to the ground and shot five times in the chest at close range by police outside a convenience store at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Police call for calm after major protests kick off in Baton Rouge after the video is released. Federal authorities say they will handle the investigation, led by the Department of Justice's civil rights division.

July 6, 2016

Diamond Reynolds uses Facebook Live to stream the murder of her boyfriend Philando Castile being shot by police in Minnesota while reaching for his wallet after being pulled over.

Castile later dies in hospital. The video has been viewed more than 5.6 million times.

July 22, 2016

Charles Kinsey is shot and injured in Miami while lying on the ground with his arms raised in the air and pleading with officers to hold their fire. Kinsey's leg was injured in the incident, which came as he tried to help a disoriented autistic man who had wandered away from a group home where Kinsey works as a behavioral therapist. Mobile phone footage showed Kinsey on the ground with his arms in the air, with the young autistic man sitting on the ground nearby playing with a small white toy.

August 26, 2016

Jennifer Lee Chan of Niners Nation tweeted out a photo of the anthem. The story gained national attention later that night and the 49ers released a statement confirming Kaepernick sat for the anthem. Kaepernick told the media after the game he sat because of the oppression of people of color and ongoing issues with police brutality.

August 11, 2017

Chanting, “White lives matter!” “You will not replace us!” and “Jews will not replace us!” several hundred white nationalists and white supremacists marched as part of a Unite the Right rally at the University of Virginia that resulted in violence and three deaths. Members of the Black Lives Matter movement stage a counter-protest.

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