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One Year in History

***The Year That Started On A Friday.. The abridged version of what it was really like in 1965, the good and the bad!***

*Preface:*

So, many people ask me what 1965 was like, well.. here you go..

1965 was such an interesting year, to say the least! So much was going on, all over the world. The year started off cool and calm with President Lyndon B. Johnson. He was often times referred to as LBJ. He was the 36th president of the United States, and on January 20th he was sworn in for his own full term as U.S president, and 10 days later on January 30th, the state funeral of Winston Churchill took place with the largest assembly of statesman in the world, at least until the 2005 funeral of Pope John Paul.

On February 21st we lost one of our most influential African American civil rights activists, Malcom X.

While making a speech in Manhattan, a disturbance broke out, and his bodyguards rushed forward to return order to the audience. At that point, a man rushed forward and fired a shotgun at Malcolm, hitting him in the chest, while two other men fired handguns at him. Malcolm X died there at the age of 39. The three men who killed him, NOI members Talmadge Hayer, Norman 3X Butler, and Thomas 15X Johnson, were convicted of first degree murder.

Of course, the Civil Rights Movement was in full effect by this time. On March 7th some 200 Alabama State Troopers clash with 525 civil rights demonstrators in Selma, Alabama, called Bloody Sunday. Televised brutal attacks showed the world the harsh realities of that tragic day, that represented how far people were willing to go for the Civil Rights Movement. This was really a crucial year for the movement because sparks were being lit and activists were not backing down! Enough was enough. Many people lost their lives this year fighting for the cause. 10 days after the attack in Selma, 1600 Civil Rights marchers in Montgomery, Alabama demonstrated in front of the courthouse. As a result of this, LBJ sent a bill to Congress that formed the basis for the voting Rights Act of 1965. Also in March, Martin Luther King Jr. led 3200 civil rights activists in

the third march from Selma, Alabama to the capitol in Montgomery. Not all of 1965 was civil rights centered, though. There were a lot of technological and educational advances taking place as well. The world's first space nuclear reactor was launched by the US. Florida International University was founded on June 1st in Miami, FL.

As you can see,

1965 was jammed packed with events, although a lot of them I mentioned were related to the civil rights movement, many of them were not.