

**Museum Captures Essence of Civil Rights Movement**  
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The National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel here is an educational institution whose purpose is to inspire people to learn the lessons of the civil rights movement and its impact on human rights movements worldwide.

The museum uses interpretive exhibits and audio-visual displays to bring to life a significant period in modern American history, as well as vignettes capturing the essence of key events during the civil rights movement.

Exhibits focus on such themes as the Montgomery bus boycott, *Brown vs. the Board of Education* in Topeka, Kans., the events at Central High in Little Rock, Ark., student sit-ins, freedom rides, the march on Washington and much more.

Also chronicled are the events of the 1968 Memphis sanitation strike, during which the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel. Rooms 306 and 307, where Dr. King stayed during the strike, have been preserved as they were on April 4, 1968.

In addition to its regular exhibits, the museum continually sponsors exhibitions that provide insight into human struggles and triumphs. Since it opened in 1991, the National Civil Rights Museum has continued to serve as a place where people from all cultural backgrounds can learn and be inspired from the ongoing worldwide struggle for civil and human rights.

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