During the next five years, Alabama will be celebrating many special anniversaries that helped create and shape our state. *Becoming Alabama* is a state-wide celebration of these events. Check out the dates below, watch for special events through-out the state, and have fun completing the activities in this book!

Key:  
- CW= event was part of the Civil War (includes events leading up to and immediately after)  
- CREEK= event was part of the Creek War of 1813-14  
- CRM= event was part of the Civil Rights Movement  

*Events in italics happened through-out the United States*

**2010**

February 1960 - [Lunch counter sit-ins in North Carolina](#) spread to Alabama (CRM)

March 1960 - [Alabama State University students protest at state Capitol.](#) (CRM)

November, 1860 - *election of Abraham Lincoln (CW)*

December 1860 - Alabama elects delegates to Secession Convention (CW)

**2011**

Jan. 11, 1861 - Alabama Secession Convention passes *Ordinance of Secession* and becomes the 4th state to secede from the Union (CW)

Feb. 1861 – [Confederate States of America (CSA) organized in Montgomery](#), Jefferson Davis inaugurated as president of the CSA (CW)

March 1861 - Confederate flag and *permanent Confederate Constitution* adopted (CW)

April 12, 1861 - *firing on Ft. Sumter (CW)*

May 14, 1961 - [Freedom Riders](#) attacked in Anniston and Birmingham and bus burned in Anniston (CRM)

May 20, 1961 - [Freedom Riders attacked and beaten in Montgomery](#) (CRM)

May 21, 1861 - Confederate Congress meets in Montgomery for last time before the capital is moved to Richmond (CW)

September 30, 1811 - [Tecumseh](#) speaks at the Council Oak at Tukabatchee urging Creeks to join other Native Americans to fight white expansion (CREEK)

**2012**

Feb. 11, 1862 - Huntsville occupied by Federal troops (CW)

May 2, 1862 – [Federal troops attack Athens](#)(CW)

April 1862 - *Confederate conscription act (CW)*

June 1812 - *U.S. declares war on Great Britain (CREEK)*
Summer 1862 – Confederate arsenal moved to Selma (CW)
August 1862 - CSS Alabama commissioned (CW)

2013

Jan. 1, 1863 - Emancipation Proclamation issued (CW)
April 11, 1813 - U.S. troops seize Mobile from the Spanish (CREEK)
April 12, 1863 Martin Luther King, Ralph David Abernathy, and others arrested in Birmingham (CRM)
May 1813 - Creeks make first of three visits to Spanish-held Pensacola to obtain supplies (CREEK)
May - June, 1863 - Streight's Raid to destroy railroad lines in Alabama(CW)
May 2-3, 1963 - Birmingham Children's Campaign marches (CRM)
May 19, 1963 - Martin Luther King’s Letter from Birmingham Jail issued to the public as a press release (CRM)
June 11, 1963 – George Wallace’s “Stand in the School House Door” to prevent integration of the University of Alabama (CRM)
July 1863 - Battle at Gettysburg (CW)
July 27, 1813 - skirmish at Burnt Corn Creek (CREEK)
July 27, 1863 - William Lowndes Yancey dies (CW)
August 30, 1813 – Creeks attack Fort Mims (CREEK)
Sept. 1, 1813 – Creeks attack Kimball-James families in Clarke County (CREEK)
Sept. 2, 1813 – Creeks attack Ft. Sinquefield (CREEK)
Sept. 2, 1963 – Governor Wallace postpones opening of Tuskegee High to prevent integration (CRM)
Sept. 9, 1963 - Huntsville schools successfully integrated (CRM)
September 15, 1963 – Birmingham’s 16th Street Baptist Church bombed, killing 4 children (CRM)
October 1813 - Gen. Andrew Jackson and Tennessee volunteers depart from Fayetteville, TN for the Mississippi Territory to fight hostile Creeks (CREEK)
November 12, 1813 - Canoe Fight (CREEK)
November 3, 1813 - Battle of Tallushatchee (CREEK)
November 9, 1813 - Battle of Talladega(CREEK)
November 18, 1813 - Hillabee Massacre (CREEK)
November 29, 1813 - Battle of Autossee (CREEK)
December 23, 1813 - Battle of Holy Ground (CREEK)

2014

Jan. 12, 1814 - Battle of Emuckfau Creek (CREEK)
Jan. 24, 1814 - Battle of Entichopco (CREEK)
Jan. 27, 1814 - Battle of Calabee Creek (CREEK)
Feb. 17, 1864 – H.L. Hunley, Confederate submarine built in Mobile, sinks (CW)
March 27, 1814 - **Battle of Horseshoe Bend** (CREEK)
April 1814 - Andrew Jackson establishes Ft. Jackson at the site of the French **Fort Toulouse** (CREEK)
June 11, 1864 - **CSS Alabama** sunk by Kearsage (CW)
July 1864 - Rousseau’s Raid (CW)
August 1814 – Andrew Jackson moves headquarters to Mobile to prepare for British attack (CREEK)
**August 5, 1864** - **Battle of Mobile Bay**(CW)
**August 9, 1814** - Treaty of Ft. Jackson officially ends the Creek War (CREEK)
**Sept. 15, 1814** - British attack on Mobile Bay’s Ft. Bowyer repulsed (CREEK)
**Sept. 15, 1964** – 1st African-American elected officials since Reconstruction elected to Tuskegee City Council (CRM)
**December 24, 1814** - **Treaty of Ghent** signed, ending the War of 1812 (CREEK)

2015

**Jan. 8, 1815** – Americans defeat the British at the **Battle of New Orleans** (CREEK)
**Feb. 11, 1815** - British capture Ft. Bowyer, unaware that the Treaty of Ghent had been signed. (CREEK)
**Feb. 26, 1965** - **Jimmie Lee Jackson** killed in Marion (CRM)
**March 1865** – Union generals John Croxton and James Wilson initiate “raids” into Alabama to destroy coal and iron industries (CW)
**March 3, 1865** - U.S. Congress establishes the **Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands** (CW)
**March 7, 1965** – Marchers beaten in Selma on **Bloody Sunday** (CRM)
**March 21-25, 1965** - **Selma to Montgomery March** (CRM)
**April - May 1865** - news of emancipation reaches most Alabama slaves (CW)
**April 9, 1865** - **surrender at Appomattox Court House** (CW)
**May 4, 1865** - Confederates surrender at Citronelle (CW)
**May 25, 1865** - **powder explosion at Mobile** kills hundreds (CW)
**May 30, 1865** - Vivian Malone becomes first African-American graduate of the University of Alabama (CRM)
**July 1865** - **Wager T. Swayne** arrives in Alabama as assistant commissioner of the **Freedmen’s Bureau in Alabama** (CW)
**August 6, 1865** - President Lyndon Johnson signs the **Voting Rights Act of 1965** (CRM)
**August 20, 1965** - **Jonathan Daniels** killed in Hayneville (CRM)
**September 7, 1865** - 1st circular issued by Freedman’s Bureau Montgomery headquarters (CW)