

RACIAL SEGREGATION IN THE USA

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After you read the words “Racial Segregation”, you think this essay is about a really complex situation in some faraway place. But before you slam your laptop shut, let me explain what this term: Racial Segregation means. Racial Segregation is another word for bullying people who are in a different race or a different color. It usually occurs in places with multiracial people. Racial Segregation is a use of restricting people from certain places. Such as, restaurants, schools, libraries, and even bathrooms!

Racial Segregation is a really important social issue because people are getting killed or hurt just because they look different! But why didn't the Police notice? Why didn't they care? Because they were either too afraid, or they actually SUPPORTED Racial Segregation! Can you believe that? And the Police weren't the only people either. The 45th Governor of Alabama, George Wallace, *loved* segregation. George Wallace said “I draw the line in the dust and toss the gauntlet before the feet of tyranny, and I say segregation now, segregation tomorrow, and segregation forever.” But there were people who were against Racial Segregation. The Jim Crow Laws began in the 1950's. It is a law enforced against Racial Segregation.

Do you know Harriet Tubman, she was born in Dorchester County, Maryland. Being black and born a slave, she became a hero because she escaped to Philadelphia and then returned to Maryland and rescued the other slaves to Philadelphia! Now she's American abolitionist and political activist! She even replaced Andrew Jackson on the 20\$ Bill!

An African-American historian, Marvin Dunn, described segregation in Florida, about in 1950:

My mother shopped there (Burdines department store] but she was not allowed to try on clothes or to return clothes. Blacks were not allowed to use the elevator or eat at the lunch counter. All the white stores were similar in this regard. The Greyhound Bus Station had separate waiting rooms and toilets for blacks and whites. Blacks could not eat at the counter in the bus station. The first black police officers for the city had been hired in 1947...but they could not arrest white people. My parents were registered as Republicans until the 1950s because they were not allowed to join the Democrat Party before 1947.

Initially, Racial Segregation is a really important social issue. People should be treated the same even if they look different than us. Think of Earth as a village, we live in the village. People may look different from each other, but we are the same in the inside. Even if we are a different race, different height, or different hair color, we should be treated equally. What would you do if someone treated you diabolically? Would you treat someone as a slave? Treat others how you want to be treated, and Racial Segregation will be solved.

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