SEPARATE BUT EQUAL



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Between 1870's and 1960's in the USA, segregation was raging. Black people were considered lower than white people and suffered consequences of racist laws established in the South East of USA.

Elizabeth Eckford, one of the "Little Rock Nine"

This document is a black and white photography. It's was taken by Will Counts, 4th September 1957, in Arkansas.

The scene takes place in the street, during the day. In the foreground in the middle, there is a black girl who is going to school. Behind her, in the middle ground there is a crowd. There are, in the upper left corner probably two marshals, on the left, a white girl school stuff and in

who is carrying Source: https://thegrio.com/2011/12/29/little-rock-central-high-school-elizabeth-eckford-hazel-bryan-massery/

the middle another white girl that is shouting against the black girl. In the background there are trees and probably a wall.

Segregation in United States of America

After the abolition of slavery, between

1870's and 1960's, some states in the South East of USA introduced racist and segregating laws. They are called the "Jim Crow Laws".

According to this policy, white people and black people were not allowed to marry.

They were forced to use separate waiting rooms and black people were not allowed to play pool with white people.

Furthermore, black people were not allowed to go to the same theatre, drink from the same sinks and use the same bus seats as white people.

Therefore, some spaces were

reserved to black people and they were forced to use them.

The fight of Rosa Parks

Rosa Louise McCauley Parks (February 4,

1913 – October 24, 2005) was an activist in the Civil Rights Movement in USA.

One day in Montgomery, as she was taking the bus back from work and she was sitting down in order to rest, several white people got on the bus and the bus driver asked her stand up.

However Rosa remained seated because she is very tired. A few minutes later, the bus was stopped and the police was called. Rosa Parks was put in the slammer...

After this misadventure, she and the black community organised a boycott of public transportation. Martin Luther King joined the movement and their fight for equality began.

In the 1960s, under pressure from the civil rights movement, the Jim Crow laws were abolished and new legislation extending the civil rights of blacks was passed.

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