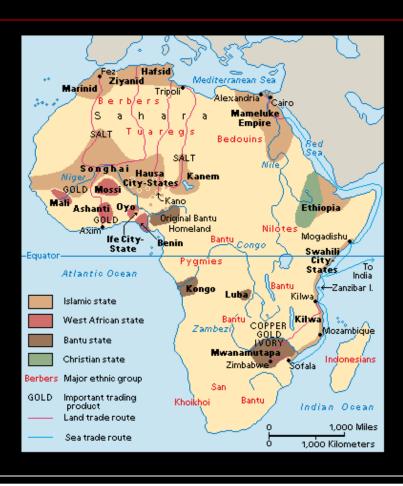
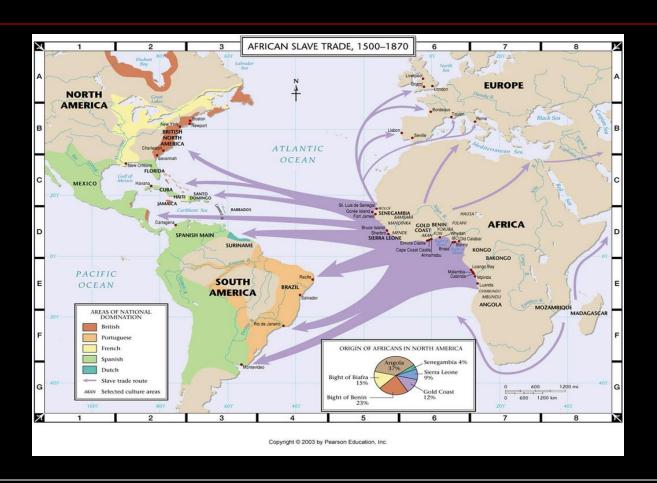
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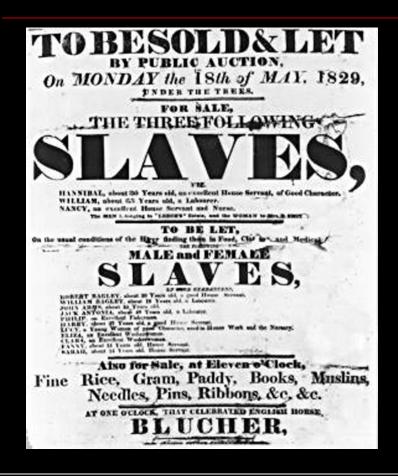
Africa before 1500 = many autonomous nations

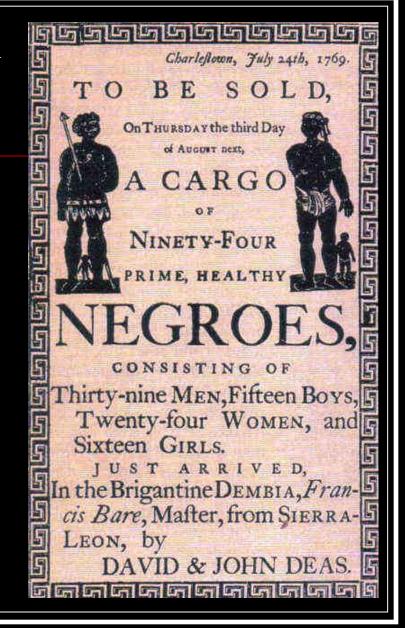


The Transatlantic Slave Trade



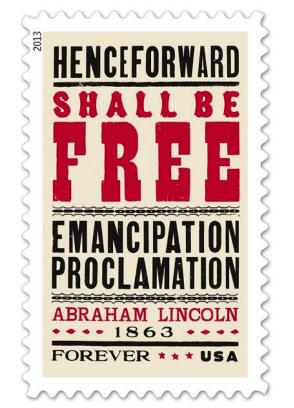
Slaves, rice and cloth were auctioned off at the same time.





1863: Lincoln's declaration of emancipation sparks US civil war





"Jim Crow" Laws

- From the 1880s to the 1960s most states enforced segregation through the "Jim Crow" laws named after a black-faced character in minstrel shows.
- Through these laws legal punishments could be imposed on people for having contact with members of another race.



Jim Crow Guide

- 1. A black male could not offer his hand (to shake hands) with a white male because it implied being socially equal. A black male could not offer his hand or any other part of his body to a white woman, because he risked being accused of rape.
- 2. Black people and white people were not supposed to eat together. If they did eat together, whites were to be served first, and some sort of partition was to be placed between them.

Jim Crow Guide

- 6. Whites people did not use courtesy titles of respect when referring to black people, for example, Mr., Mrs., Miss., Sir, or Ma'am. Instead, black people were called by their first names or by "boy" or "girl" (regardless of age).

 Black people had to use courtesy titles when referring to Whites, and were not allowed to call them by their first names.
- 8. White motorists had the right-of-way at all intersections.

"It shall be unlawful for a negro and white person to play together or in company with each other in any game of cards or dice, dominoes or checkers."

—Birmingham, Alabama, 1930

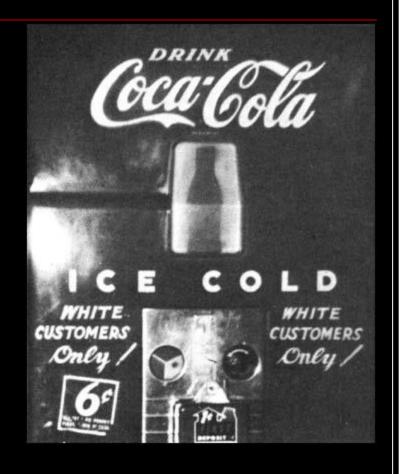
"All railroads carrying passengers in the state (other than street railroads) shall provide equal but separate accommodations for the white and colored races, by providing two or more passenger cars for each passenger train, or by dividing the cars by a partition, so as to secure separate accommodations."

—Tennessee, 1891

- Any negro man and white woman, or any white man and negro woman, who are not married to each other, who shall habitually live in and occupy in the nighttime the same room shall each be punished by imprisonment not exceeding twelve (12) months, or by fine not exceeding five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.
- -Florida

How did segregation look?









After the Civil War, The Ku Klux Klan was formed as a secret society that promoted white supremacy using violence and terrorism to undo the gains that former slaves had made.

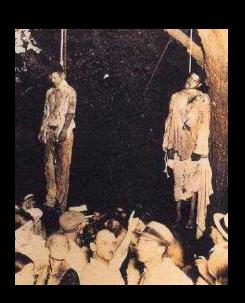
However, after the 1920s the KKK was no longer secretive about their work and public violence against Blacks, including lynching, became common occurrences.

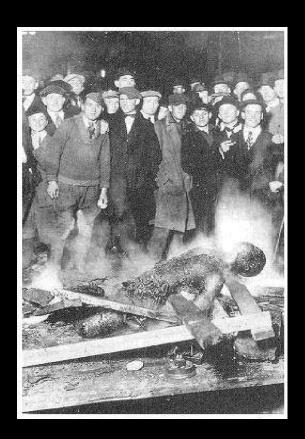
What did this look like?





Genocide and atrocities.





After WW1

➤ Even though Blacks had fought bravely for the US in WW1, they returned home from Europe to find the same, if not worse, discrimination and segregation.



The economic struggles of the 1930s seemed only to worsen the situation.



Early Protest in the Arts

"Will V-Day Be Me-Day Too?"
...I am a Negro American
Out to defend my land...

I've seen my buddy lying
Where he fell.
I've watched him dying
I promised him that I would try
To make our land a land
Where his son could be a man –
And there'd be no Jim Crow birds
Left in our sky...

So this is what I want to know: When we see Victory's glow, Will you still let old Jim Crow hold me back?

...will Dixie Lynch me still When I return?...

Langston Hughes



The Great Depression (1930s)

- The Depression hit the South especially hard
- Everyone, seemed to be living in poverty
- Americans turned away from the rest of the world and away from each other
- During these years of turmoil, discontent started to grow in the minds of Whites and Blacks alike.

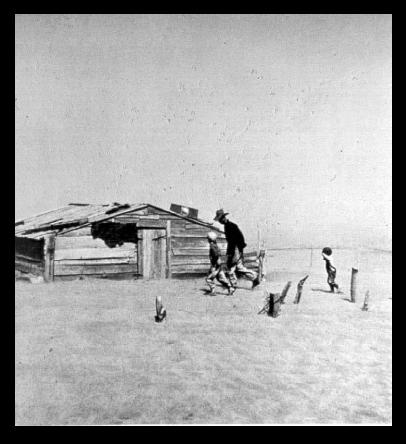
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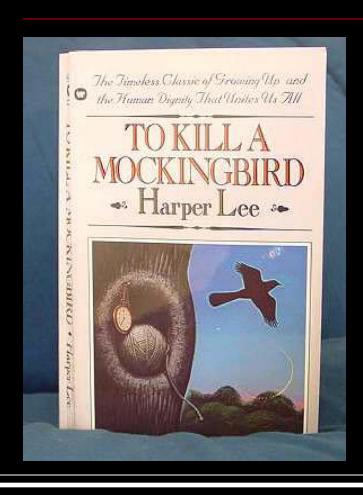


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To Kill a Mockingbird



It is in this setting that the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* takes place.

In a small town, in the deep South, in the early 1930s

Harper Lee (1926-)

- To add to the complexity of the story, Harper Lee wrote it during a time of even greater social turbulence in the United States.
- In the 1950s the winds of change began to blow and Black Americans were no longer willing to be treated as lesser human beings.





Brown vs. Board of Education

In 1954, after 2 years in court, the nation was shocked by a landmark decision to grant Linda Brown, a Black fifthgrader, admission into a white elementary school in Topeka, Kansas.



The decision engendered feelings of triumph and outrage across a country that had lived under the weight of racial segregation and discrimination for over 100 years.

The Winds of Change

Soon, average Black citizens across the country began speaking out against oppression and demanding equal rights. This was the beginning of America's Civil Rights Movement.

Free at Last! (sort of) The Civil Rights Movement.



Rosa Parks (1913-)

➤ In 1955, after a long day of work, 42- yearold Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery County bus

This set off peaceful and violent protests throughout the South.



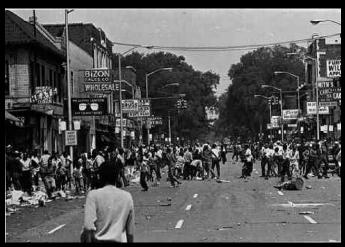
Emmett Louis Till

- (July 25, 1941 August 28, 1955) He was brutally murdered in Money, Mississippi after reportedly flirting with a white woman. He was visiting from Chicago.
- He was kidnapped, beaten for three days, blinded, shot and thrown in the Tallahatchie River.
- His murderers were aquitted, his mother toured the US showing his picture and telling his story.

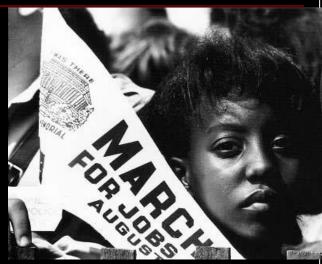




TV: The World Witnesses American Racism



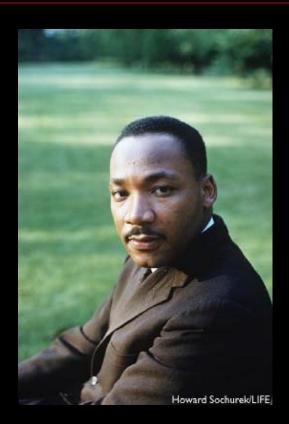






Dr. Martin Luther King (1929-1968)

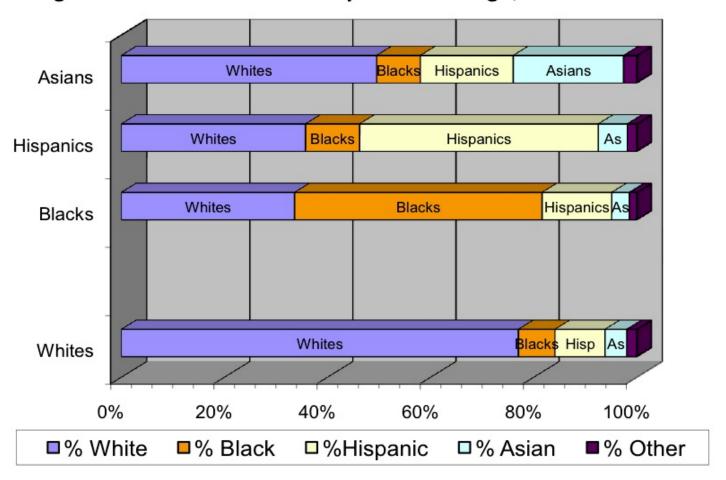
Black Hero-Leaders began to rally together Black Americans in order to fight oppression and to fight for a country where all men were truly treated as equals.



Desegregation



Figure 1. Diversity Experienced in Each Group's Typical Neighborhood - National Metropolitan Average, 2005-2009 ACS



Source: American Communities Project, Brown University

To Kill a Mockingbird

- In the Fall of 1960, in the middle of the Civil Rights Movement, To Kill a Mockingbird was published. It shot to the top of the New York Times best seller list.
- The country was finally ready to listen to the story of segregation and open their minds to the possibility of an America where Whites and Blacks could live together as equals.