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# AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

## The Jim Crow Era

### You Are There

This book discusses how Jim Crow laws affected the daily lives of African Americans. Imagine you are a boy or girl living in the South during this time. You would like to be friends with a boy or girl of another race. How would the laws make your friendship difficult? Where could you play together? How do you think your parents and neighbors would have reacted if you brought your friend home?



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### Say What?

Reading about the Jim Crow era can introduce new vocabulary words. Write down five words in this book that you have never heard before. Look up their definitions in a dictionary. Then write their definitions in your own words and use each word in a new sentence.



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### Another View

This book has a lot of information about violence and injustice against African Americans during the Jim Crow era. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or other adult to help you find another source about the Jim Crow era. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?



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### Surprise Me

Part of Chapter Three describes what it was like for African Americans to grow up during the Jim Crow era. The effect discrimination had on African-American children may be surprising. After reading this book, what two or three facts about life for African-American children under Jim Crow laws did you find most surprising? Write a few sentences about each fact. Why did you find them surprising?



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