

ACTIVITIES

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Activity 1: Segregation

Look at the picture on the left of the African American man drinking from the “COLORED” water fountain. The laws of segregation were frustrating to the African American community.

Imagine that you were forced to drink from a different water fountain, or use a different bathroom, or attend a different school than other children. In the space below, write down how you think that would make you feel. Be sure to explain why you would feel that way.

I would feel very sad because I would be seperated from some of my friends and people could treat others badly.

Activity 2: Jim Crow

Look at the picture on the left of the character that became known as “Jim Crow”. Below is a list of adjectives. Circle all that you feel describe the character on the left-hand page (you can circle as many as apply).

Smart	Intelligent	Childish	Proper	Foolish
Silly	Well-dressed	Elegant	Brainless	Annoying
Poor	Stupid	Handsome	Ugly	Graceful

African Americans were insulted by the term “Jim Crow.” Review the answers that you circled above. Based on those answers, write a couple of sentences explaining why African Americans did not want to be compared to the character of “Jim Crow.”

They didn't want to be compared because he was very foolish and they weren't foolish at all and it made them feel like they were brainless.