

Project: Informative Essay

African American history during the Jim Crow era includes encounters with poverty, racism, disrespect, and protest.

What was it like to be an African American during the Jim Crow era?

How were African American people treated when it came to finding work, riding on a bus, visiting a local park, or other daily life events?

How did cultural protest cause changes in the "status quo" for African Americans?

Perform research to answer these questions.

Outline

Introduction:

Give history about the Jim Crow Era. Explain what Jim Crow laws were, the time period they existed and why they were created.

Body Paragraphs:

Body Paragraph #1

Topic Sentence: Life was made very difficult for African Americans during the Jim Crow Era.

-Give at least 3 specific examples about how life was hard.
(Think about jobs, where they were/were not allowed to go,
How they were treated by others...)

Body Paragraph #2

Topic Sentence: Protests were used to help bring this era to an end.

-Give examples and explain how protest was used to change these laws.

Conclusion:

What did you learn that you can apply to your life? What does this make you think/feel about that period in our history? What progress do you think We've made a country... what work do we still need to do?