

## Exercise 2

**Key Question:** Has the criminal justice system historically operated differently for black citizens than white citizens?

Examine the sections called [“Treading the Tightrope of Jim Crow”](#).

### Discussion Questions:

- How was justice evaded in the following cases?
  - Scottsboro Boys
  - Recy Taylor and Gertrude Perkins
  - Jeremiah Reeves
  - Emmett Till
- What does it say about racism and segregation that justice was denied these individuals?
- What do these individuals' stories of violence and injustice also tell us about the relationship between gender and racism?
- Why was it so difficult for Rosa Parks and other black activists to achieve justice for individuals like Taylor, Perkins and the Scottsboro Boys?

### Sources:

- [“Will Mississippi Whitewash the Emmett Till Slaying” \*Jet\* magazine](#)
- [PBS Map: A Fateful Journey](#)