

Exercise 2

Key Question: How did segregation shape life in the South?

Examine the sections called [“Treading the Tightrope of Jim Crow”](#) and [“Let Us Look at Jim Crow for the Criminal He Is”](#).

Discussion Questions:

- In what ways was life in the South segregated?
- Why did segregation exist? How did it continue?
- How did Rosa Parks and other African American folks in the South resist segregation – on buses and elsewhere?
- What were the dangers in trying to resist segregation?
- Why do you think people like Rosa Parks persevered in their attempts to resist segregation?

Sources:

- [Letter to ‘friend’ about segregation in Montgomery](#)
- [Photo of a segregated bus in Alabama](#)
- [Negro Ministers of Montgomery and Their Congregations, “To the Montgomery Public”, statement that references previous arrests like White’s, Brook’s, Colvin’s](#)
- [Rosa Parks’s reflection on her bus stance](#)
- [1956 Interview with Parks During the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Democracy Now](#)
- [Parks’s recollection of police booking](#)