



Segregation in the United States

Divide into pairs. With your partner focus on one of the Southern states on the map “Jim Crow Inside the South” (at jimcrowhistory.org/geography/geography.htm). When you click on your state, you’ll see a chronological list of events related to segregation. With your partner, read the list. Answer the following questions about your state.

1. In the space below, list the laws in your state that applied to public transportation. Include the year the laws passed.

2. Which of the laws applied to the whole state? Which applied to only part of the state?

3. What is the most recent date when segregation in public transportation was legal in your state?

4. Compile the data for all the states by making a class map called “Segregation of Public Transportation in the United States.” On your state, write:

Segregation required: [date]

Segregation outlawed: [date]

5. When the map is done, use these questions to make some generalizations about segregation in public transportation in the South during the Civil Rights era.

- How many states required segregation in public transportation before 1955 when the Montgomery Bus Boycott took place?
- How many states required segregation in public transportation in 1961 when the Freedom Rides took place?
- When you look at all the states together, what was the last year when segregation in public transportation was legal?
- How long did it take to win integration in public transportation?