# Oklahoma: Our History, Our Home

## Chapter 15: Wars and Baby Boomers

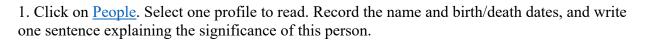
In this lesson, you will explore websites to learn about civil rights challenges in Oklahoma and the south as a result of "Jim Crow" laws.

**Instructions:** Click the links below and use the information from the websites to complete each item.

Throughout the 1890s and early 1900s, laws and ordinances called Jim Crow laws were enacted which called for **segregation.** Even before the passage of these laws, customs and intimidation had already created a system of white superiority in Oklahoma and other southern states. Jim Crow laws served to make the practice of segregation legal.

#### Read the introduction at

https://www.thirteen.org/wnet/jimcrow/stories.html, and then use the provided links at this site to complete the following activities. Be sure to check out any video, audio, photo, or document links provided.



2. Click on <u>Narratives</u>. Read and listen to one personal narrative. Record the name and birth/death dates and write one sentence relating this person's personal experience.

3. Click on <u>Events</u>. Click on <u>Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)</u>. Read about the decision and watch the video. Write one sentence explaining the significance of this decision.



This photo was taken in Oklahoma City in 1939. It shows a young African American drinking from a water cooler marked "Colored." Source: Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division. ID: fsa 8a26761

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### **INTERNET ACTIVITY**

4. Click on <u>Events</u>. Click on <u>Tulsa Riot (1921)</u>. Read about the event and watch the video. Write a sentence or two to summarize this event.

5. Click on <u>Organizations</u>. Select one organization to read about. Record the name, founding date, and write one sentence about this organization and its role in the civil rights movement.

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6. Click on <u>Jim Crow Laws</u>. Click on Education and then click on Oklahoma. Read the law. Summarize the purpose of the law and the year the law was enacted.

7. Click on <u>Colleges & University</u>. Identify which school was founded in Oklahoma. Include the name and the date established.

8. Click on **Population & Migration**. Identify the Black, White, and Black Migration populations of Oklahoma for each year. What trend(s) do you see?

Year	<b>OK Black Population</b>	<b>OK</b> White Population	<b>OK Black Migration</b>
1890			
1910			
1930			
1950			
1960			

Name:

9. Click on Lynching & Riots. Complete the chart below.

State	Black Lynching	White Lynching
California		
Mississippi		
New York		
Florida		
Oklahoma		

#### **Sharing Your Thinking**

As a 21<sup>st</sup> century student living in Oklahoma, there are many differences between your life and the lives of Oklahomans in the last century. Jim Crow laws forced Oklahomans to live divided lives in the shared state. Write some of your thoughts on how the elimination of Jim Crow laws and other civil rights laws have an impact on your life today. How might life for you be different if those laws were still in place? Check out the title of your textbook. How might that title need to be changed if Jim Crow laws still existed? Explain your answers.

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