



Jim Crow laws



→ Read the following Jim Crow Laws which were effective (= *en vigueur*) in the American states.

Explain the laws with “ **wasn’t / weren’t allowed to**”, “**had to**” or “**could**”.

→ “Books shall not be interchangeable between the white and the colored schools”.

Schools for black children borrow* books from white schools.

→ “Marriages between whites and Negroes (black), mulattoes (brown), Indians (red) and Mongolians (yellow) are declared illegal and void”.

Colored people get married but they
marry a white person.

→ “Voters must be able to read the American Constitution and write their name”.

Colored people vote but first they prove*
that they were able to* read and write.

→ “It shall be unlawful to conduct a restaurant in which white and black people are served in the same room”.

Restaurants serve black people in a separate part of the restaurant.

→ “It shall be unlawful for colored people to frequent parks which are used for the enjoyment of white people”.

Black people go to a park reserved for white people.

→ “It shall be unlawful for a Negro and a white person to play together at a game of pool*”.

Even if he wanted to, a white person play pool with a black person.

VOCABULARY

borrow = emprunter
unlawful = illegal

prove = prouver
pool = billard

able to = capable de