

"The Death of Emmet Till"
-Bob Dylan-
1962

Vocabulary: Connect the images

				

to drag Jim Crow a trial segregation a barn

					

shackles dirt open casket to think alike dust

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Listen to understand

What musical genre is it?

ballad folk blues rock and roll Jazz

How does this genre help the artist tell his story?

What happened to Emmett Till?

Why was Bob Dylan outraged?

What does Dylan encourage us to do?

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Read then answer the questions

"Emmett Till was born in Chicago and grew up in a middle-class Black neighborhood. In 1955, Till was visiting relatives in Money, a Southern town inJim Crow Mississippi. He was accused of whistling at Carolyn Bryant, a white woman who was a cashier at a grocery store.

Four days later, Bryant's husband Roy and his half-brother J.W. Milam kidnapped Till, beat him and shot him in the head. He was only 14 years old. The men were tried for murder, but an all-white, male jury acquitted them.

Till's murder and open casket funeral galvanized the emerging **civil rights movement**. More than six decades later, in January 2017, Timothy Tyson, author of *The Blood of Emmett Till* and a senior research scholar at Duke University, revealed that in a 2007 interview Carolyn admitted to him that she had lied about Till making advances toward her."

Biography.com 2021

Who was Emmett Till?

In your opinion, what was Jim Crow?

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Imagine the day of a 14 years old on holiday in 1955. Use past simple/past continuous. 4 sentences.

Jim Crow laws said that he deserved to die, do you agree? Justify. 3 sentences.

What parallels can you make with the George Floyd tragedy? (present perfect). 4 sentences.

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Watch the video

Dereck Chauvin was found guilty of murder on all three counts!

If you were Emmett Till's mother in the streets what would you do? 2 sentences

If you were one of the Bryant brothers, what would you think? 2 sentences

How do you think this decision will impact police brutality in the US? 4 sentences.

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