Jim Crow Laws

Background for *The Secret Life of Bees*
Skills Practiced

• Correction of sentence fragment
• Correct form of intensive pronoun
• Formation of irregular verb tense
Practice Sentences

• Lily was shocked that Rosaleen refused to apologize. Soon, T-Ray coming to get her.

• In fact, Lily believed that T-Ray hisself would of freed both Rosaleen and Lily.
Lily was shocked that Rosaleen refused to apologize. Soon, **T-Ray was coming** to get her.

In fact, Lily believed that T-Ray **himself** would **have freed** both Rosaleen and Lily.
Stuff you should know

• What are black codes
• Who is Jim Crow
• What was the purpose of these laws
• Where and how these laws were enforced
• How the Civil Rights Act changed the laws
Black Codes

- The Black codes were numerous laws enacted in the states of the former Confederacy after the American Civil War in 1865 and 1866.
The laws were designed to replace the social controls of slavery that had been removed by the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution.
Black Codes - Goals

• Intended to assure continuance of white supremacy after Emancipation Proclamation
Black Codes also..

• were all intended to secure a steady supply of cheap labor

• continued to assume the inferiority of the freed slaves.
Vagrancy laws declared a black to be vagrant if unemployed and without permanent residence.

The person could be arrested, fined, and bound out for a term of labor if unable to pay the fine.
Black Codes-apprentice laws

- Apprentice laws provided for the "hiring out" of orphans and other young dependents to whites, which often turned out to be their former owners.
Black Codes - limited rights for work

- Some states limited the type of property blacks could own.
- In others, blacks were excluded from certain businesses.
- Excluded from some of the skilled trades.
Black Codes - forbid former slaves

- to carry firearms
- to testify in court, except in cases concerning other blacks.
Black Codes-prohibited interracial marriages

- Legal marriage between blacks only
- Interracial marriage was prohibited.
Jim Crow Laws-reconstruction

- Reconstruction did away with the black codes
Jim Crow replaced black codes

- Reconstruction ends but many of their provisions were **reenacted** in the Jim Crow laws
Jim Crow Laws Lingered

- Jim Crow Laws were not finally done away with until passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
Why Jim Crow

- The term Jim Crow is believed to have originated around 1830 when a white, minstrel show performer, Thomas "Daddy" Rice, blackened his face with charcoal paste or burnt cork and danced a ridiculous jig while singing the lyrics to the song, "Jump Jim Crow."
Thomas “Daddy” Rice

- Rice created this character after seeing (while traveling in the South) a crippled, elderly black man (or some say a young black boy) dancing and singing a song that ended with the words Jim Crow.
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Rice incorporated the skit into his minstrel act, and by the 1850s the "Jim Crow" character had become a standard part of the minstrel show scene in America.
Jim Crow Symbolized Inferiority

• On the eve of the Civil War, the Jim Crow idea was one of many stereotypical images of black inferiority in the popular culture of the day.
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• The word Jim Crow became a racial slur synonymous with black, colored, or Negro in the vocabulary of many whites.
Jim Crow Laws Meaning

• By the end of the century, acts of racial discrimination toward blacks were often referred to as Jim Crow laws and practices.
Reflect in a sentence or two

EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE OR SIMILARITIES BETWEEN BLACK CODES AND JIM CROW LAWS
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- Although "Jim Crow Cars" on some northern railroad lines—meaning segregated cars—pre-dated the Civil War, in general the Jim Crow era in American history dates from the late 1890s, when southern states began systematically to codify (or strengthen) in law and state constitutional provisions the subordinate position of African Americans in society.
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- Most of these legal steps were aimed at separating the races in public spaces (public schools, parks, accommodations, and transportation) and preventing adult black males from exercising the right to vote. In every state of the former Confederacy, the system of legalized segregation and disfranchisement was fully in place by 1910.
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• Segregation and disfranchisement laws were often supported, moreover, by brutal acts of ceremonial and ritualized mob violence (lynching) against southern blacks.
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- Indeed, from 1889 to 1930, over 3,700 men and women were reported lynched in the United States—most of whom were southern blacks. Hundreds of other lynchings and acts of mob terror aimed at brutalizing blacks occurred throughout the era but went unreported in the press.
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• Numerous race riots erupted in the Jim Crow era, usually in towns and cities and almost always in defense of segregation and white supremacy.
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- These riots engulfed the nation from Wilmington, North Carolina, to Houston, Texas; from East St. Louis and Chicago to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the years from 1865 to 1955.
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- The riots usually erupted in urban areas to which southern, rural blacks had recently migrated. In the single year of 1919, at least twenty-five incidents were recorded, with numerous deaths and hundreds of people injured. So bloody was this summer of that year that it is Red Summer of 1919.
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• From 1875 to 1964 numerous attempts were made by states to enact civil rights for all, but the fight was long and arduous.

• It wasn’t until President Johnson signed a federal law in 1964; it did take full effect then.
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- But the residuals remained as you will see in *Remember the Titans*. 
Skills Practiced

• Elimination of double subject
• Use of quotation marks within a split quotation
• Correct capitalization in a split quotation
Practice sentences

• Lily she caused many of her own problems.

• “There is nothing perfect, August said from the doorway, there is only life.”
Answers

• Lily caused many of her own problems.

• "There is nothing perfect, "August said from the doorway. “There is only life.”
Pre-1964

SIMPLIFIED LAWS THAT WERE ON THE BOOKS
Simplified Jim Crow Laws

- **Education** The schools for white children and the schools for negro children shall be conducted separately. *Florida*

- What might result because of this law?
On the books

- **Intermarriage** It shall be unlawful for a white person to marry anyone except a white person. Any marriage in violation of this section shall be void.

*Georgia*
Simplified Jim Crow Laws

• **Burial** The officer in charge shall not bury, or allow to be buried, any colored persons upon ground set apart or used for the burial of white persons.
  
  — Georgia

• **Restaurants** All persons licensed to conduct a restaurant, shall serve either white people exclusively or colored people exclusively and shall not sell to the two races within the same room or serve the two races anywhere under the same license.
  
  — Georgia
Simplified Jim Crow Laws

- **Education** Separate schools shall be maintained for the children of the white and colored races.

- **Hospital Entrances** There shall be maintained by the governing authorities of every hospital maintained by the state for treatment of white and colored patients separate entrances for white and colored patients and visitors, and such entrances shall be used by the race only for which they are prepared.
Simplified Jim Crow Laws

- **Education** Separate free schools shall be established for the education of children of African descent; and it shall be unlawful for any colored child to attend any white school, or any white child to attend a colored school. *Missouri*
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- **Transportation**
  The...Utilities Commission...is empowered and directed to require the establishment of separate waiting rooms at all stations for the white and colored races. *North Carolina*
Simplified Jim Crow Laws

- **Lunch Counters** No persons, firms, or corporations, who or which furnish meals to passengers at station restaurants or station eating houses, in times limited by common carriers of said passengers, shall furnish said meals to white and colored passengers in the same room, or at the same table, or at the same counter. *South Carolina*

- **Child Custody** It shall be unlawful for any parent, relative, or other white person in this State, having the control or custody of any white child, by right of guardianship, natural or acquired, or otherwise, to dispose of, give or surrender such white child permanently into the custody, control, maintenance, or support, of a negro. *South Carolina*
Simplified Jim Crow Laws

- **Theaters** Every person...operating...any public hall, theatre, opera house, motion picture show or any place of public entertainment or public assemblage which is attended by both white and colored persons, shall separate the white race and the colored race and shall set apart and designate...certain seats therein to be occupied by white persons and a portion thereof, or certain seats therein, to be occupied by colored persons. *Virginia*

- **Interracial Marriage** All marriages of white persons with Negroes, Mulattos, Mongolians, or Malaya hereafter contracted in the State of Wyoming are and shall be illegal and void. *Wyoming*
5-sentence Response-hand in please

• Now that you have heard some of the laws that were actually on the books BEFORE 1964- as the novel opens – what assumptions can you make about Lily?

• Now that you have heard some of the laws that were actually on the books BEFORE 1964- as the novel opens – what assumptions can you make about Rosaleen?