November 13th

Segregation

On June 7th 1892, Homer Plessy boarded a train car of the East Louisiana Railroad that was designated for whites only. Although Plessy was born a free person and was one-eighth black and seven-eighths white under a Louisiana law enacted in 1890, he was classified as Black and thus required to sit in the “colored” car. When, in an act of planned disobedience, Plessy refused to leave the white car and move to the colored car, he was arrested and jailed.

Why was Plessy’s action an “act of planned disobedience”?

1. Under a Louisiana law enacted in 1890, he was classified as Black, and thus required to sit in the "colored" car.
2. Under the Federal law, he was classified as Black, and thus required to sit in the “colored” car.

Was he successful?

**Yes**

**No**