

Nov. 13 - Segregation



Writing Prompt: On June 7, 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"? Was he successful?