

**APUSH  
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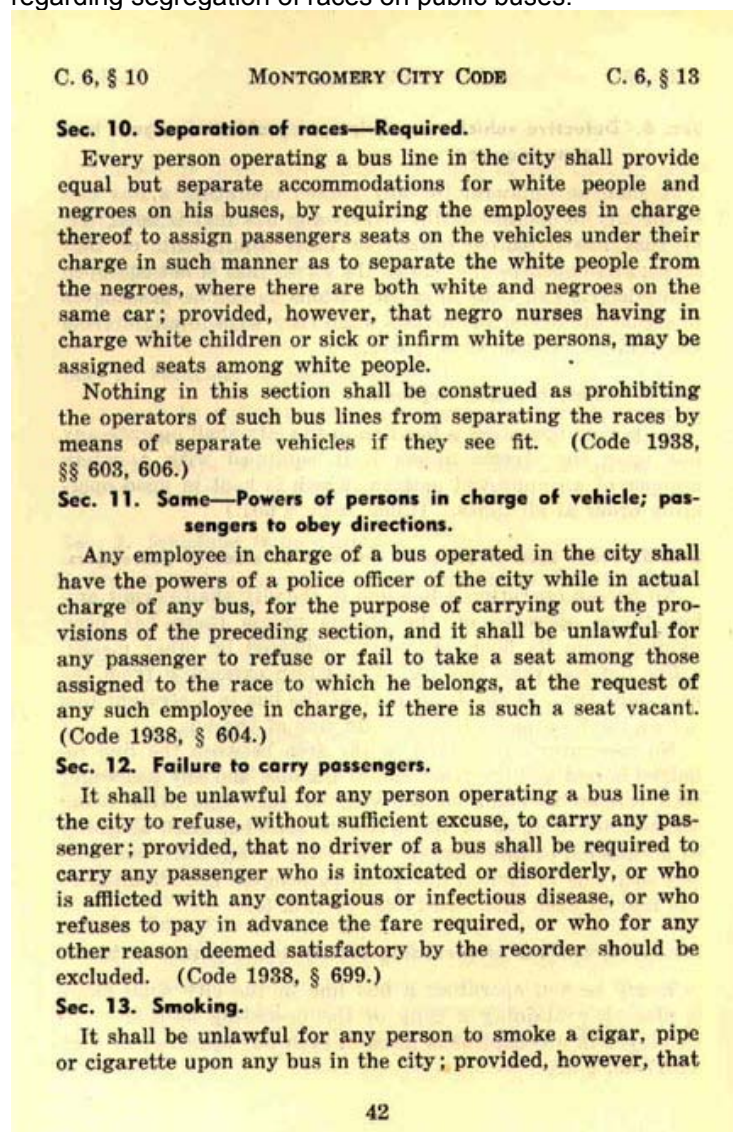
**Part A.**

**Segregation on Public Transportation**

In Black Like Me, John Howard Griffin gave several examples of discriminatory behavior he encountered when riding the bus as an African-American. In his November 10-12 entry (p. 46), he described an incident in New Orleans in which the bus driver shut the bus door and wouldn't let him off until a white passenger wanted to get off.

**Segregation Codes**

Read Sec. 10 and Sec. 11 of the following document describing the Montgomery, Alabama City Code regarding segregation of races on public buses:



*Permission granted to use Code of the City of Montgomery, Alabama. Charlottesville: Michie City Publishing Co., 1952. Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama*  
Provide short answer responses to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What does the code say about segregation on the city buses?
2. What specific words, phrases, etc. show discrimination?
3. Do you think it is possible to have separate but equal accommodations?
4. Why do you think some people resisted desegregation?

## Rosa Parks



On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black woman, refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery city bus for a white passenger. She was arrested and a 381-day boycott of Montgomery city buses by the African-American community began. This resulted in desegregation of Montgomery city buses and a 1956 Supreme Court decision prohibiting segregation on public transportation.

For help, tour The Montgomery Boycott page (<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Olympus/3515/montg.html>) created by students from Stoughton High School. Then provide short answer responses to the following questions on a separate piece of paper.

1. Why was Rosa Parks arrested?
2. Why do you think she refused to give up her seat on the bus?
3. Why was the boycott a sacrifice for the individuals who participated in it?
4. What was the boycott successful?
5. Why do you think this was such an important event of the Civil Rights Movement?

### Additional Links

<http://www.mecca.org/~crights/montgomery.html> (The Virtual Tour)

<http://socsci.colorado.edu/~jonesem/montgomery.html>

**Part B.**

Using John Howard Griffin's book Black Like Me and the documents and information you have examined in Part A, prepare a paper of 4-7 pages answering the following question. The inclusion of a concise thesis statement, organization, clarity and completeness will be considered in grading the content of your paper. One point out of one hundred will be deducted for every structural error committed. Content will also be graded on the one hundred-point scale. The two grades will be averaged to determine the final grade for your paper. Double-spaced typing is required. Use no larger than twelve-point font style. Late papers will not be accepted.

**Was the nature of racism against African-Americans in the south during the 1950s based more on psychological/emotional factors or political/legal circumstances?**

**B. Additional Notes:**

Use short quotes and paraphrases to prove your argument. You may use other sources but do not include large block quotes from the authors being examined. There is no need for footnotes or bibliography (unless you use another source). Page numbers should be cited. This can be done in parenthesis in the text, e.g. (Griffin, p. 22); (Bailey, p. 776). Please also provide a cover page including title, course title, and instructor name, your name and date. See me if you need assistance.