

An African American Family in Segregated Dallas

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This lesson narrows in on a single family in Dallas during the 1940s and 1950s and asks students to look predict what their occupations and lives might be like. The family was more affluent than students might expect given the time period. The goal is to paint a more complex picture for students about life in the segregated south and how segregation impacted affluent families. This lesson is particularly geared to students in the DFW Metroplex as the geographic locations will be most familiar to them.

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Elements:

Culmer Family Biography

Documents Culmer Family Activity

Document Analysis: Case Study of a Middle Class Family in the Segregated South

Document Analysis Prediction Questions

Document Analysis Reflection Questions