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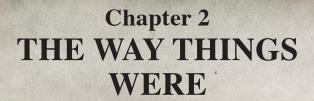
It was the 1950s. Linda Brown was 7 years old. She lived in Topeka, Kansas.

Linda was in third grade.
Her school was far away.
She walked six blocks.
Then she rode a bus.
Finally she got to school.
It was a long trip.









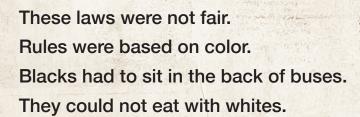
Life was different back then.

Many states had special laws.

They kept blacks and whites apart.

These were called Jim Crow laws.





Whites and blacks could not marry.

WAITING ROOM FOR COLORED ONLY ORDER POLICE DEPT. **Words of History** Freedom Rider: a person who tested laws saying that people could not be treated differently while traveling using buses and trains in the South