

Information Essay Mrs. Eller's Example

3rd Reason Paragraph

Unfair Social Rules

Finally, many Jim Crow laws told Black people how they had to behave in public and when interacting with White people. Many of these "rules" were unspoken but they were enforced strictly. One example was that a Black person was not allowed to shake the hand of the White person. That is because it implied that they were equals. When introducing people, the White person was introduced to the Black person. It was not allowed for a Black person to be introduced to a White person. Also, when speaking to a Black person, White people never used titles such as Mr., Mrs., Dr. etc. Instead, they just used their first name. On the other hand, a Black person had to use the proper titles when speaking to a White person. If a Black person rode in a car with a White person, he had to ride in the back. If cars met at an intersection, the White driver always could go first. Perhaps the most insulting rule was when having a conversation, a Black person was not allowed to show that he was intelligent and understood more than the White person. In fact, a Black person was not even allowed to laugh at a White person. These types of insulting social rules are not officially allowed any more, but sadly, some are still unofficially observed.