

We went to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Museum with: Eli, Tessa, Andi, Finn, Wilder, Elsa, Lix, and James & Asher.

We learned about the Ku Klux Klan. (A.k.a. KKK) Cruel, Selfish, Scary, and Evil people who hated black people. They wore weird looking cloaks and masks so no one knew who they were. They met in secret and so no one could find them. There's over 115,000 people who may have been in the KKK. They are part of the reason Birmingham was once called "Bombingham". There was a church that was bombed, four girls died. Three were fourteen and one was eleven.

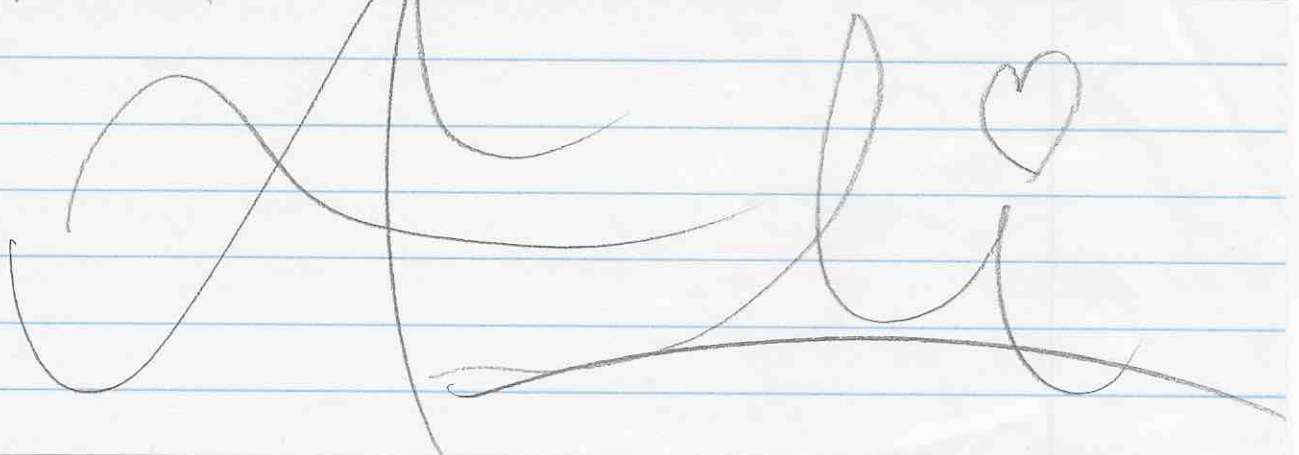
The blacks were separated in a whole lot of ways: They had different bus seats, water fountains, schools, bathrooms, and seats in restaurants. The Government said that blacks and whites were separated but equal but that

was completely wrong, water fountain for blacks? rusted and disgusting. Classroom for blacks? plain and uncomfortable. There were marches and rallies to show the Government how unfair stuff was, most led by Martin Luther King Junior.

They also had Martin's Jail cell on display. Grandmamma actually had a key to it! (cause Pop was a policeman)

Remember, Culture and difference don't make anyone more or less special.

Afterwards we all went to a playground right outside, then went home.



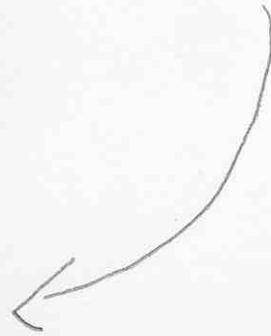


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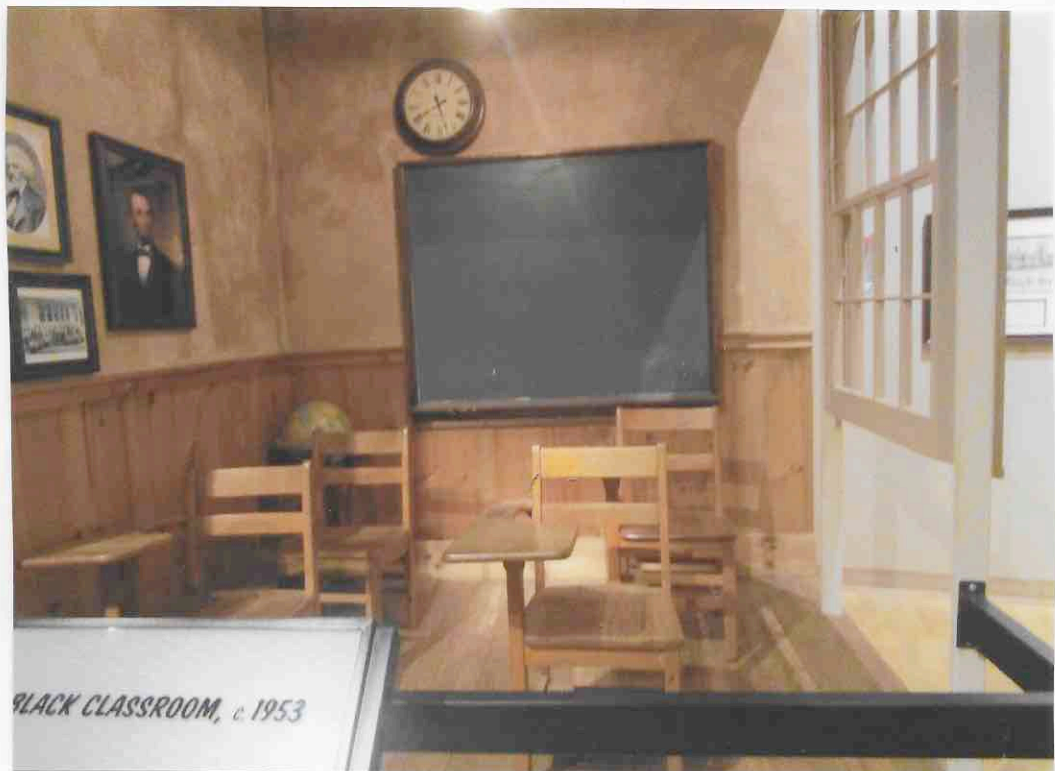
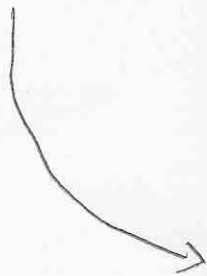




This is the
white classroom



This is the
black
classroom





The baseball
teams used to
be the
Birmingham black
barons until
desegregation

This is a
statue of
Rosa Parks





This is
a broken
window
from the
church

These are pictures
of Addie Mae Collins,
Carole Robertson,
Denise McNair,
and Cynthia
Wesley who
were all killed
in a church
that was bombed



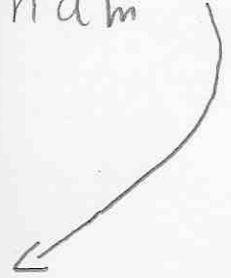


Tessa





This is
Martin Luther
King Junior
in a march
in Birmingham



This is Martin
Luther King Jr.
is Jail cell





This is a
Klansman's
outfit



Birmingham
used to be
called
"Bombingham"
because of all
the bombs
and bomb
threats



The police
would drive
These to
Scare people
away and to
stop the
marches

