

Notes for the Scottsboro Trials (Books)

- Takes place during the time of the Great Depression
- About 20 men of a freight car mixed of white and black people
- Started off with 4 black men- Haywood Patterson, Eugene Williams, and brother Roy and Andy Wright
- Two white young women- Victoria Price and Ruby Bates
- Some white men started to push around Patterson and Williams, but they didn't say anything
- A fist fight broke out after there was an argument and all but one of the white boys were thrown off the train
- Ruby Bates made the accusation that the 9 black men on the train had raped her
- Anyone accused of raping a white woman was put to a death sentence, or in some instances in the South. Southerners even killed multiple black men
- Black men couldn't even look at a white woman
- The boys were thrown in jail and white men were so upset with the actions they heard of that they went to the jail, where a National Guard had to keep the mob at bay
- All the boys were sentenced to death at the trial, from the all white jury, except the 13 year old Roy that was being taken care of by Andy Wright (19)
- The oldest of the nine black men was 19 years old- Haywood Patterson
- The Scottsboro boys were known as a sign of inequality and race unjust in the South
- Case went all the way up to the Supreme Court

Notes for the Scottsboro Trials (Database)

- The girls knew they hadn't been raped, but they just laughed at him and kept saying that they were
- The doctor who tested the two women said that if he was testified against the women then he would have to leave, so he didn't get hurt because he knew the truth about the girls
- Willie Robertson's had syphilis, which made him incapable of sexual activity and Olin Montgomery's who was basically blind was equally limiting
- The case moved all the way up to the Supreme court

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