

Jim Crow Organizer

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Chapter One

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(Includes Sample Answers)

Definition of Jim Crow:

a practice or policy of segregating or discriminating against black people in public places, public vehicles (buses, trains, etc.), or employment.

Text (with page if possible)	Using complete sentences, please explain how the passage shows Jim Crow laws.
A few minutes earlier she'd jumped out of the car, pulled her jacket over her head, and scurried into the hospital, past the "colored" bathroom, the only one she was allowed to use. (p13)	Jim Crow laws called for separate bathrooms for African Americans and Whites in public spaces.
David drove Henrietta nearly twenty miles to get there, not because they preferred it, but because it was the only major hospital for miles that treated black patients. (p15)	The rules set out in Jim Crow laws had the effect of limiting the number of hospitals that would take in African American patients.
So when the nurse called Henrietta from the waiting room, she led her through a single door to a colored-only exam room—one in a long row of rooms divided by clear glass walls that let nurses see from one to the next. (p15)	Jim Crow laws called for strict separation of the rooms for treating African American and White patients.