

Communism



An end to segregation... ?

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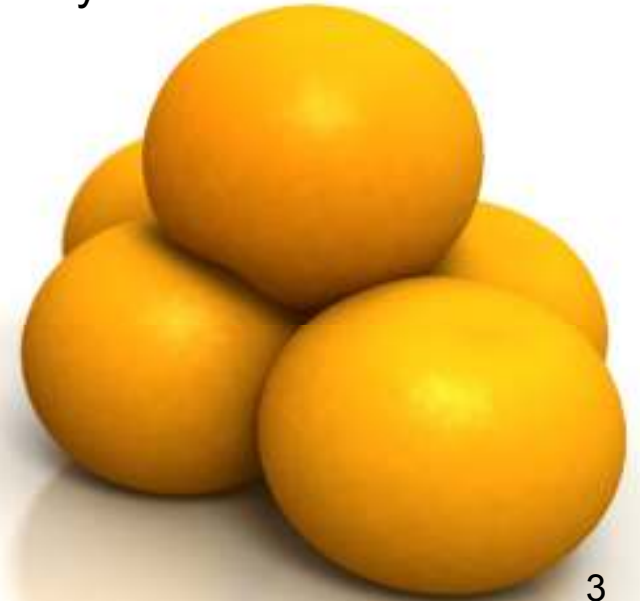


- Communism
 - Political
 - Social
 - Economic
- African American Community
 - Some Support
 - Workers Unions

Segregation in America

The end of the Civil War had promised racial equality, but by 1900 new laws and old customs created a segregated society that condemned Americans of color to second-class citizenship.

- Northern States of America supported social segregation
- Southern states of America supported legal segregation
- Racial Segregation saw black Americans through the eyes of White dominant society as 'animals'
- Civil Rights Act (1964)
- Public attitudes towards 'coloured' people



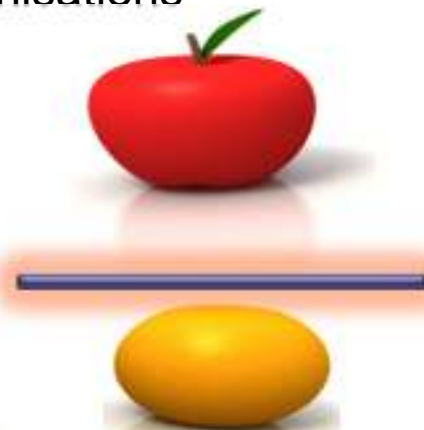
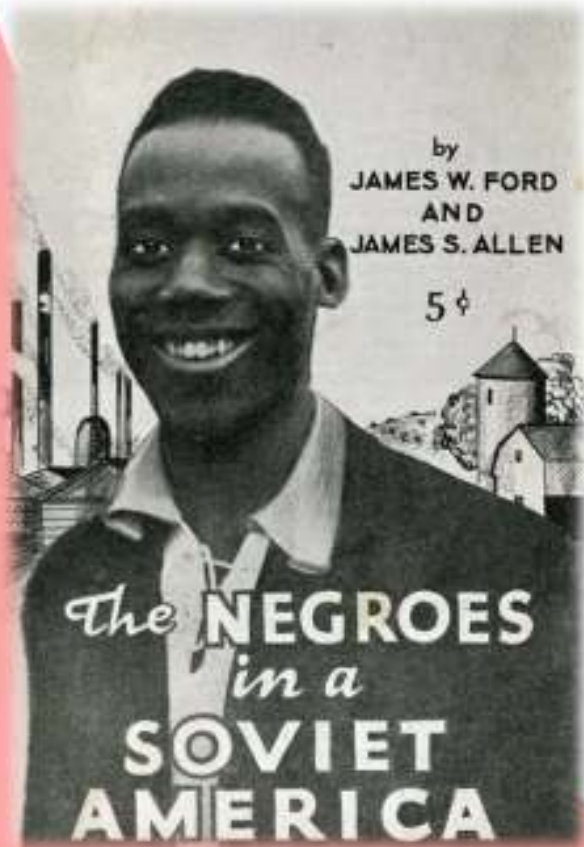
Langston Hughes (February 1, 1902 – May 22, 1967)

- Transcended black poet and writer
- Composed poetic publications
- Columbia University
- *Not without Laughter* – won many literature awards.
- Work has realistic portrayal of black life in America between 20s and 60s
- Black pride: “black is beautiful”
- Encourager of talents...



Communism

- Drawn to the promise of Communism as an alternative to a segregated America
- Film Production (unpublished) : group of blacks who went to the Soviet Union
- Poetry published in the CPUSA newspaper
- Involved in initiatives supported by Communist organisations



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