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**Racism Then vs. Now**

Throughout history there has always been racism, and to this day there is still racism. In the past racism was very intense but now it is not as bad. For example, in the past it was legal to beat, and whip people if they disobeyed rules. Also, people would own slaves to do their work and they would work all day and night for no pay. In this generation that is now considered illegal and if you did anything like that then you would go to jail and be charged.

In the past, black and whites did not have equal rights. For example, The Montgomery Bus Boycott, black and whites were not allowed to sit in the same part of the bus. If all the seats were full and a white passenger walked on then, some of the black passengers would have to go stand at the back of the bus. Another example is that only white males were allowed to vote. Today, both black and white women and men are allowed to vote.

Today, people still get picked on about their race, which is totally wrong. Chinese people are assumed to be short and intelligent. Young black boys are assumed to be rude, aggressive and dangerous. Muslim people are assumed to be terrorists. People still have racist thoughts and comments in mind.

I disagree with racism. You should not pick on someone because of their race, nationality or their background. Everyone is the same, and we should all have equal rights. Just because some people have a different skin color, doesn’t mean they are different. I feel bad when some students who don’t speak English as their first language have to go in front of the class to present a project and people start to laugh because they can’t pronounce certain words or they spelt simple words wrong on their presentation. In conclusion, there are organizations and laws that have been formed to prevent discrimination but sadly, racism will always be around because it is really hard to prevent, but hopefully it will end in the upcoming years.