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**Response 1**

Dear Jeannette, after reading your discussion post I liked the idea of using bullet points to covey the author’s message. I agree with you that to depict the problems and struggles of the black people the author gave a historical perspective. This helped a lot in understanding the time of segregation when black people were oppressed by the white people and were also considered less worthy. In your post, you have mentioned that by explaining the terror of segregation the author connects to the reader (Mebane, M. (2018). I also agree with the discussed she mentioned about the injustice done by law enforcement officers and cannot even imagine the struggle that black people must have faced during that time.

As you shared your bus experience I agree that most of the time public transport lacks some basic facilities. Additionally, people also lack some ethics due to which traveling in public transport is extremely hard.

**Response 2**

Dear David, after reading your discussion post, I must say that you did a commendable job in explaining the author’s perspective. The details you provided facilitates a lot in getting a clear idea of the circumstances in the segregation era. I also agree with you that several laws are made to protect the right of every citizen yet the discrimination based on color is still prevailing in our society (Saperstein & Penner, 2012). This is terrifying that we as a nation has still not progressed enough to protect the citizens. As you mentioned in your post that education is the only way that can help people understand the concept of equality. I would like to add that media can also play a vital role in spreading awareness among people to stop discrimination against people based on their color, gender or religion.

According to your travelling experience, I must say that you showed a lot of courage while handling the situation. Typically, people are not friendly when they have to fly on a plane with a sick child. Yet, you are lucky that the people on that plane supported you.

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