

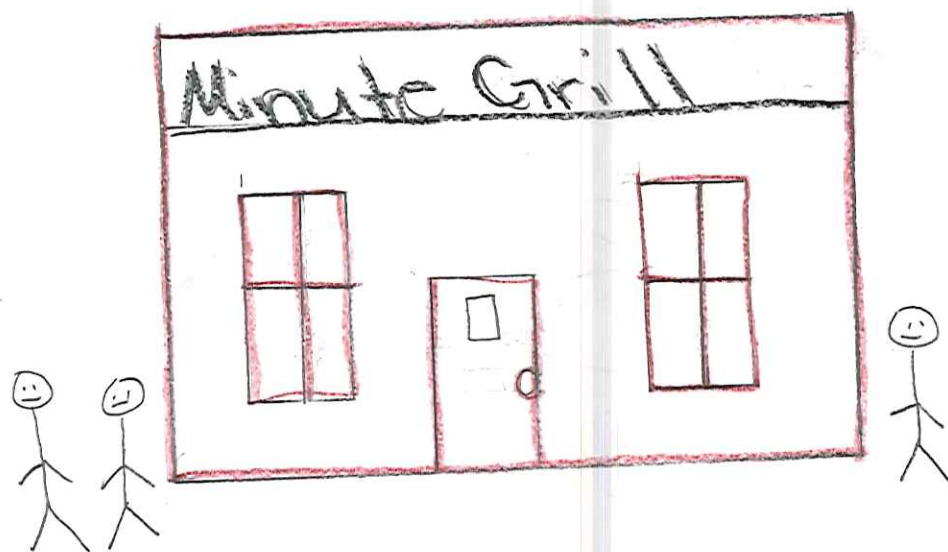
Hard Times in the Freeman Home



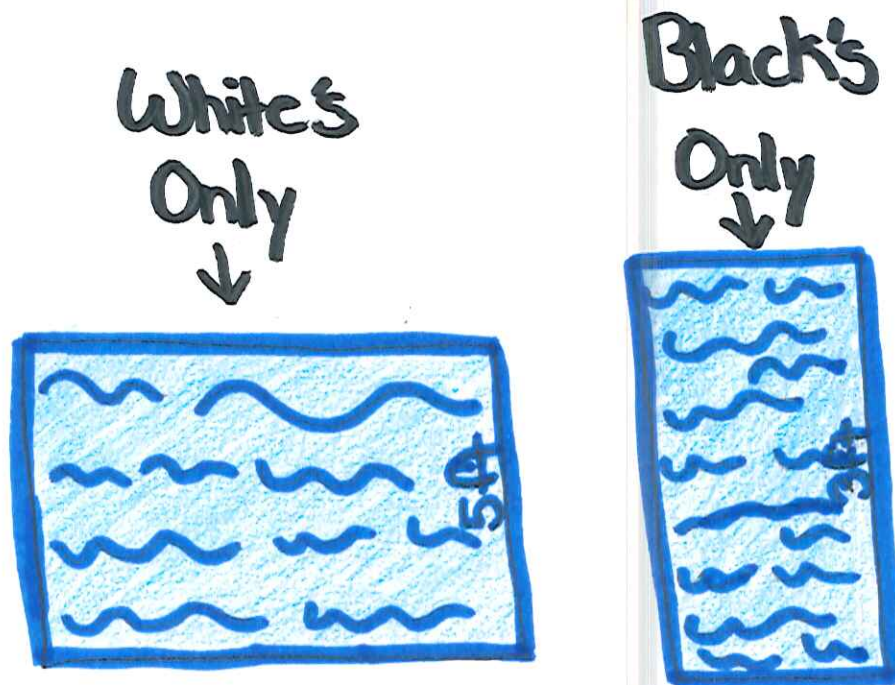
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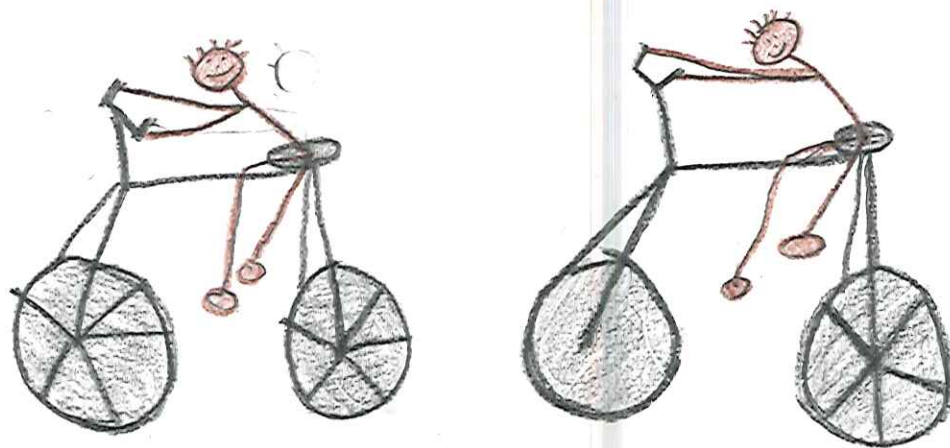
In the small town of Rock Hill there lived a young boy named Willie Freeman. Willie was the youngest of two. His brother Frank was 10-- 2 years older than Willie. They lived on Crawford Road, just minutes away from the local black high school named Emmett Scott.



One afternoon, Willie and his brother returned home from school and were informed that their father had been arrested for protesting downtown in front of the Minute Grill. They were so upset that their father had been sent to jail that they could not sleep that night.



A few weeks had gone by since their father had been away, and school had ended. Willie and his brother decided that they would go swim at Northside pool with their white friend Billy. Willie knew that it was a bad idea to go swimming at the white pool, but Frank convinced him to come along anyways.



While walking up to the pool, they were approached by two white men who told them to leave and never come back. Frank and Willie immediately got on their bikes and went home.



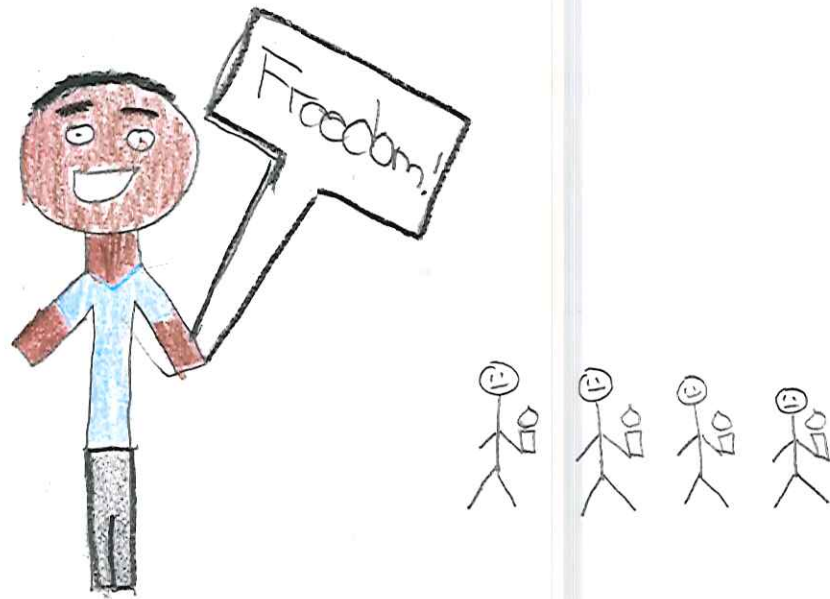
Their mother, Mary Ann, had begun to work at the Smith's residence in order to take care of her family. She was forced to be the help. That afternoon their mother returned home with great news. She explained to Willie and Frank that their father, Edwin, would be released from prison with the help of the NAACP.



While excited, Frank and Willie were still shocked from the incident they had at the pool. Their mother explained to them that things would always be the way they were and that if they followed the rules everything would be ok.



After his release, Edwin started planning non-violent protests around the Rock Hill area. He was brave and continued to march despite the fear of being taken away from his family.



Willie desperately wanted things to change around the world. Willie knew in his heart that one day the world would be a better place. As he grew, he marched along side his father and brother for the desegregation of whites and colored people.

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