

Annotated Bibliography

Aberjani and Sandra West. "Scottsboro trial." *Encyclopedia of the Harlem Renaissance*. New York: Facts On File, Inc. 2003. *African-American History Online*. Facts ON File, Inc. 4 December 2013.

This article provided a very detailed account of the events leading to what became known as the "Scottsboro Boys Trial". The article provided the historical context that brought Victoria Price, Ruby Bates, the white boys, and African-American boys on a train together traveling to Paint Rock, Alabama. Including the specific events leading to the arrest of the nine young boys, the article provided the names and ages of each boy, the mob-like reaction of the some people in Scottsboro, the numerous convictions, overturning, court room precedents, and national publicity that this case commenced.

This article is extremely important to my research as it was the source that provided me with the most comprehensive information about the Scottsboro Trial. This article discussed the conflict between the NAACP and the ILD in regards to who would represent the nine boys. Additionally, this article provided the latest information about the Scottsboro boys, when it mentioned that Clarence Norris and the rest of the Scottsboro boys

(posthumously) were officially pardoned by Governor George Wallace in 1977.

This article was the most useful of all my articles. I often used this article as the reference point to gauge the validity of the information in my other sources. This article was most in-depth and specific with the information it presented.

“Events of the Scottsboro Boys Tragedy.” *African-American History Online*. Facts ON File, Inc. 4 December 2013.

This brief article included a timeline and map that outlined the physical journey of the individuals riding the freight train as it made its way to Scottsboro, Alabama. Providing very specific events that occurred in specific places that would later become very important in the Scottsboro Trial, this brief article also included a short summary of the trial and the aftermath.

This article was useful in helping me visual the physical journey of the freight train on March 24, 1931. It also was useful in providing a specific event timeline, focusing on the various towns that were passed along the way to Scottsboro. It displayed the routes of Price and Bates, the white boys on the train, and the African-American boys on the train

This article did not provide as much information for me compared to my other sources. This article was very brief and only provided detail on the map of the train route coming into Scottsboro. This article did not contain information that was not found in greater detail in my other research articles.

“Powell v. Alabama.” *African-American History Online*. Facts On File, Inc.

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This primary document was the U.S. Supreme court transcript of the “First Scottsboro Case”. On November 7, 1932, it was found in this case that the nine young men, known as the Scottsboro Nine, were arrested, jailed, convicted, and sentenced to death without having proper counsel. Previously, the defense attorney came to court imbibed and only spoke to the young men for 20 minutes. Since this case received national publicity, Powell, one of the Scottsboro Boys, appeal his conviction on the grounds that his 14th Amendment right to due process had been violated. After this case, it was established that the right to fair and adequate counsel was part of due process. Thus, the conviction was overturned.

This article provided the legal document that outlined the details that led to an important change in due process, the right to adequate counsel. This court document was without bias as it was it a primary legal document. Though long in length, the document provided an incontrovertible argument

for the violation of the boys' 14th amendment rights and subsequently, the violation of their 6th amendment rights.

While the other articles provided overviews of the background, trials, and aftermath of the Scottsboro Trial, this primary document only pertained to the due process in the trial. There was perhaps, much more information in this document than was needed for the scope of this research project.