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## Jimmy Carter



Did you know that a U.S. president was born right here in Georgia? Jimmy Carter was our 39th president. He was elected president in 1976. Living in the White House in a big city was very different from living on a peanut farm in Georgia.

Look at the map and find Plains, Georgia. Jimmy Carter was born there in 1924. Find Washington, D.C. Jimmy Carter lived there while he was president.



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Jimmy grew up on a farm. His father grew peanuts and owned a store in Plains. His mother was a nurse. He had two younger sisters and one younger brother.



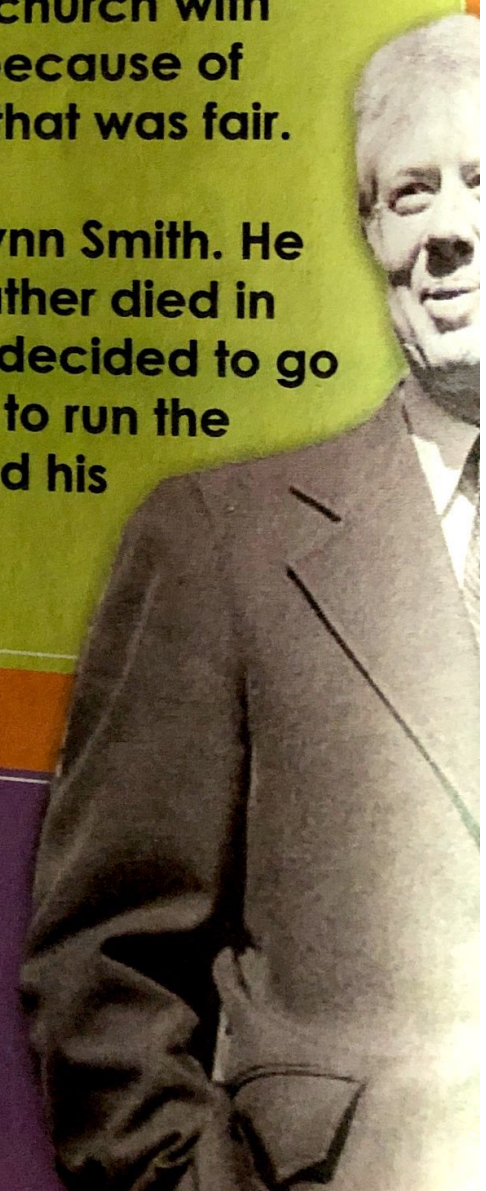
Most of Jimmy's friends and neighbors were African Americans. He could not go to school or church with his African American friends because of segregation. He did not think that was fair.



In 1946, Jimmy married Rosalynn Smith. He served in the Navy until his father died in 1953. Then he decided to go back to Plains to run the family farm and his father's store.



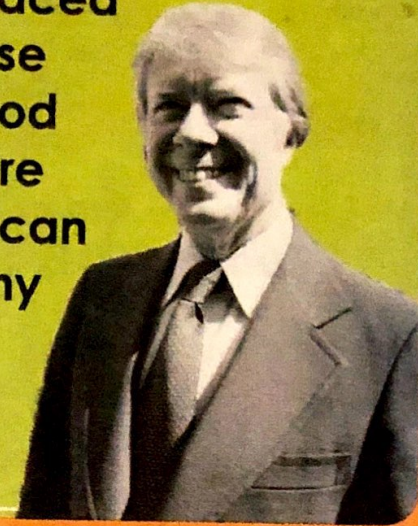
Jimmy became a leader in the community. In 1962, he was elected to the Georgia Senate. The Georgia Senate makes laws for our state. In 1970, he became the governor of Georgia, the leader of our state.



**WE WANT WHITE  
TENANTS IN OUR  
WHITE COMMUNITY**

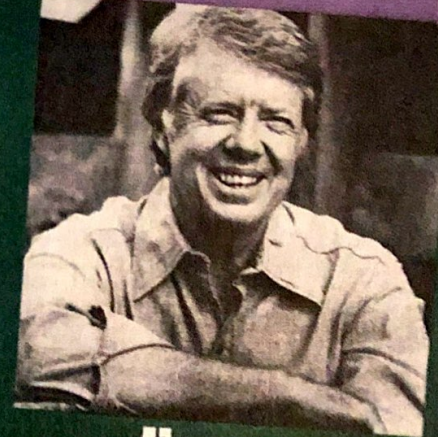
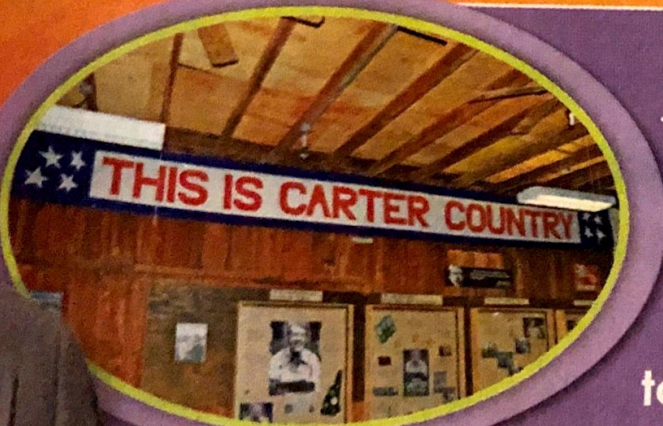
The laws that said Jimmy could not go to school with his African American friends had been changed. Segregation was against the law. But African Americans still faced

discrimination (treating people unfairly because of their race). They had a hard time finding good jobs, because many people did not want to hire them. Many white Americans did not want African Americans to live in their neighborhoods. Jimmy wanted to change all of that. When he was elected governor of Georgia, he said, "The time for racial discrimination is over."



Jimmy Carter wanted to be president because he wanted to help America. He wanted to make the world better.

He worked hard for rights and freedom for people of all races. He worked for peace in places where people did not get along with each other.



**Jimmy  
CARTER**  
for President  
Democratic Primary - May 18

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When you learn about history, there are different ways to know what happened.

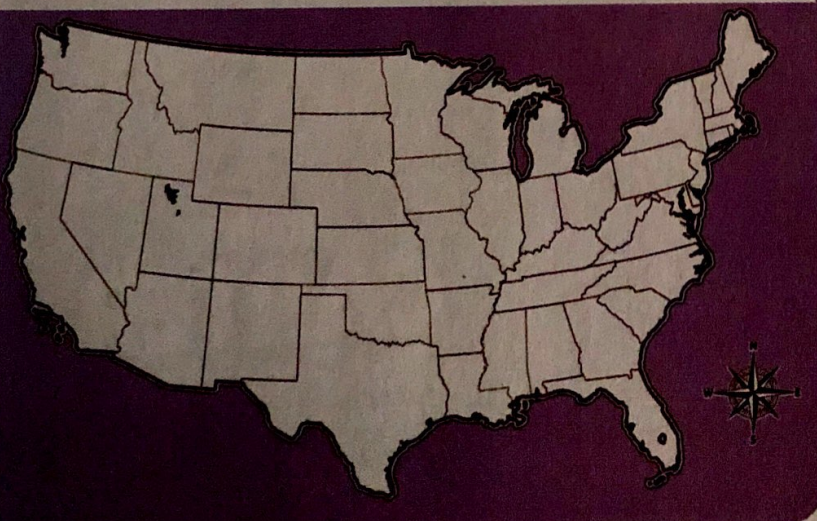
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On the line next to each thing, write **P** if it is a primary source. Write **S** if it is a secondary source.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Georgia Studies Weekly
- \_\_\_\_\_ A recording of Jimmy Carter giving a speech
- \_\_\_\_\_ A picture of your grandfather as a soldier
- \_\_\_\_\_ An old arrowhead made by a Cherokee hunter long ago

Where was Jimmy Carter born? Where is the White House? Draw a small **red** circle on the map to show Plains, Georgia. Draw a small **blue** circle on the map to show Washington, D.C.



Write one sentence to tell how your life is like Jimmy Carter's life. Write one sentence to tell how your life is different from his.

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