



Jamal's Story

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This is Jamal. Jamal lives in a poor neighborhood.



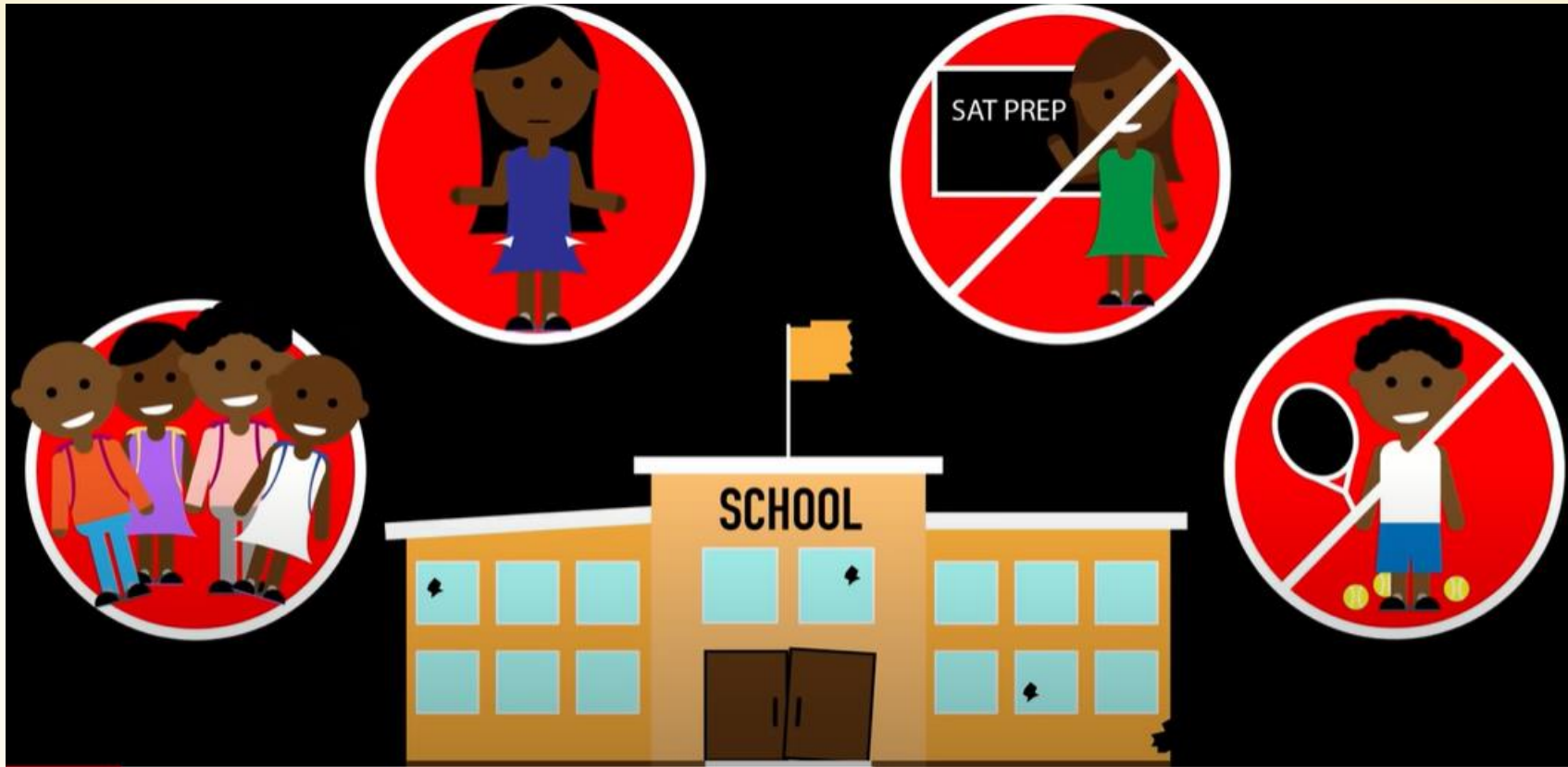
He has a friend named Kevin. Kevin lives in a rich neighborhood.



All of Jamal's neighbors are black. All of Kevin's neighbors are white.



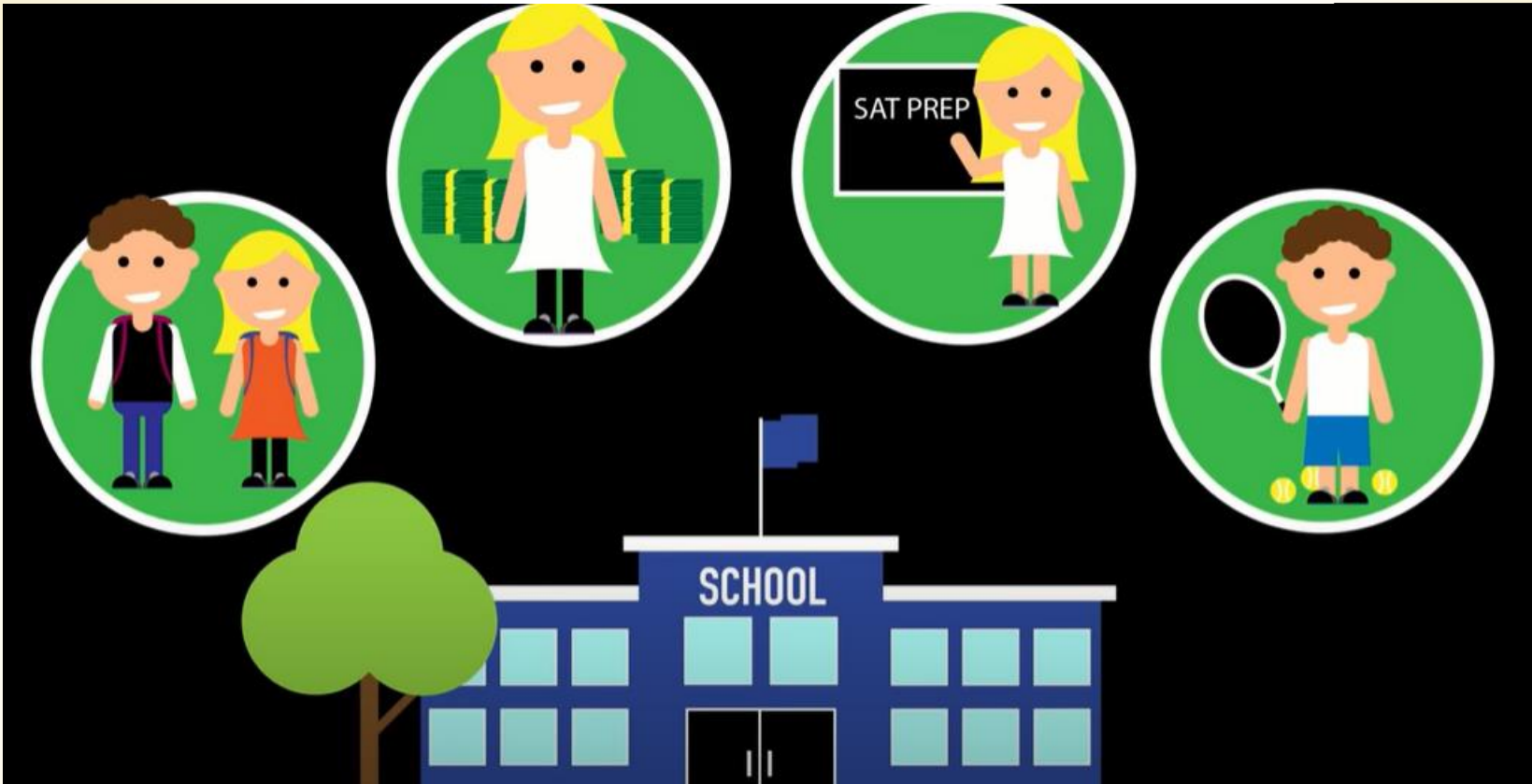
Jamal's school gets money from taxes. The taxes come from the houses in his neighborhood. His school doesn't get a lot of money, because his neighborhood is poor.



Because the school doesn't have a lot of money, the classes are big. The teachers don't get paid much. There aren't many activities after school.



Kevin's school also gets money from taxes. The taxes come from the houses in his neighborhood. His neighborhood is rich, so his school gets a lot of money.



Kevin's school has small classes, and many activities after school.



Kevin and Jamal have very different lives. Why?



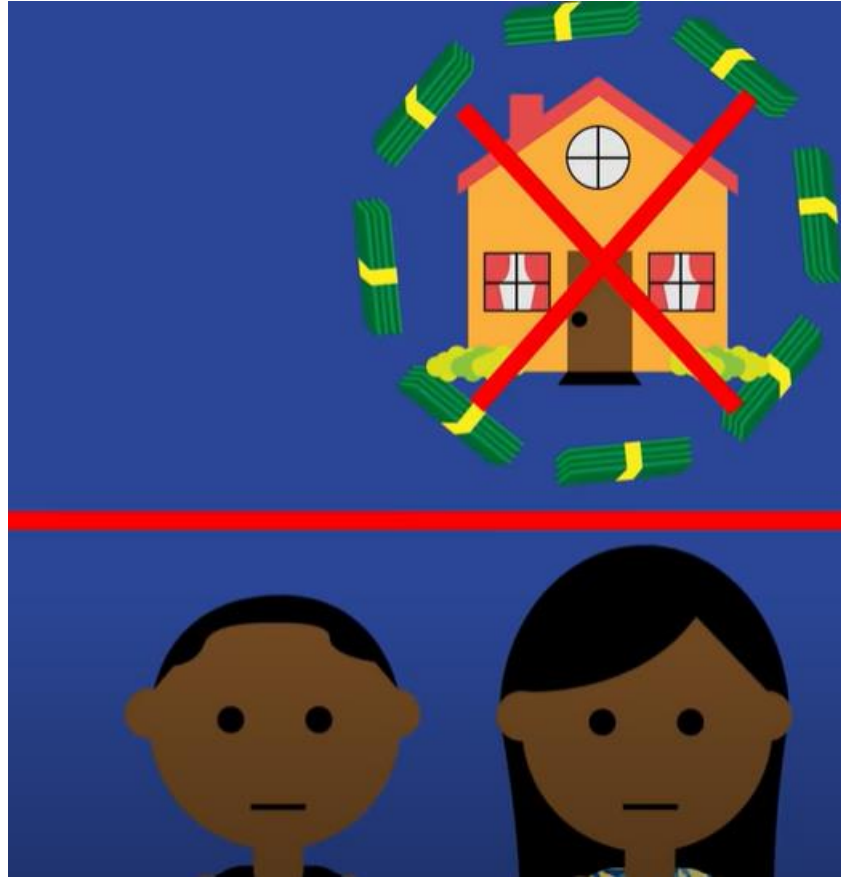
Their lives are different because of the lives of their grandparents.



In the USA, the easiest way to get money is to own a house.



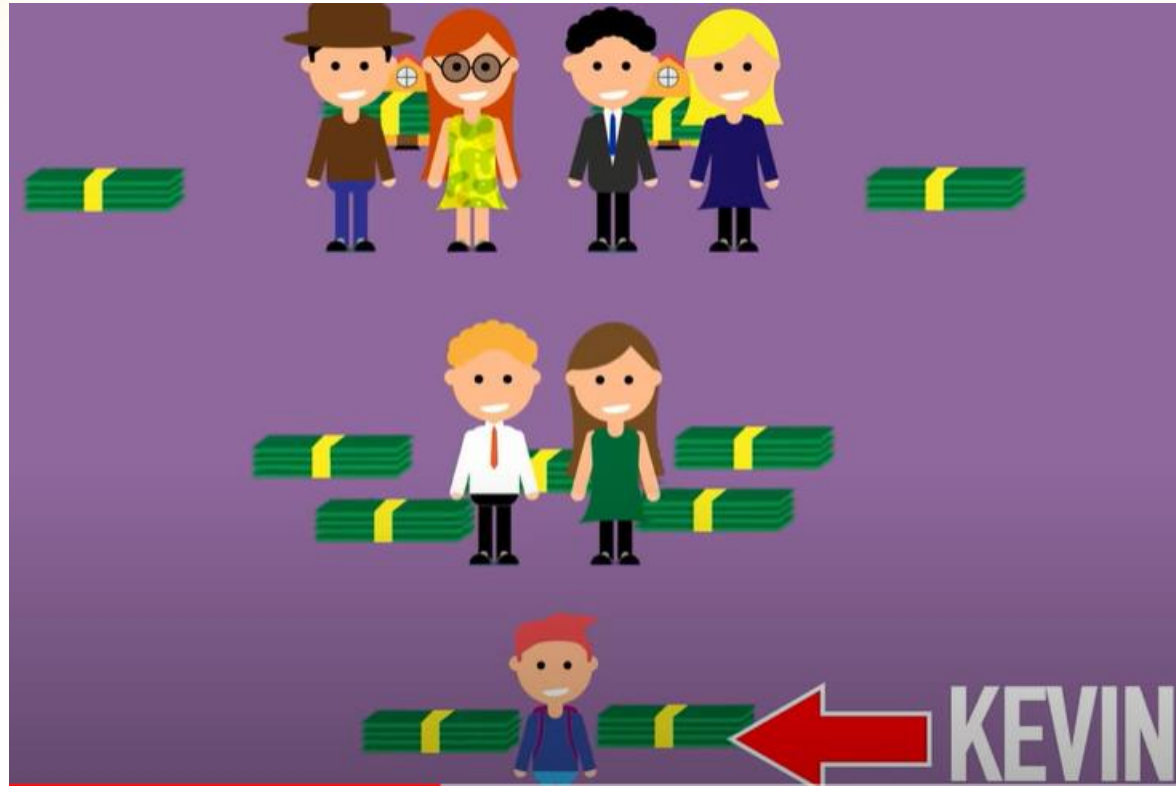
In the past, cities and banks stopped black people from buying houses in some neighborhoods.



When Jamal's grandparents wanted to buy a house, the bank said no.



When Kevin's grandparents wanted to buy a house, the bank said yes.



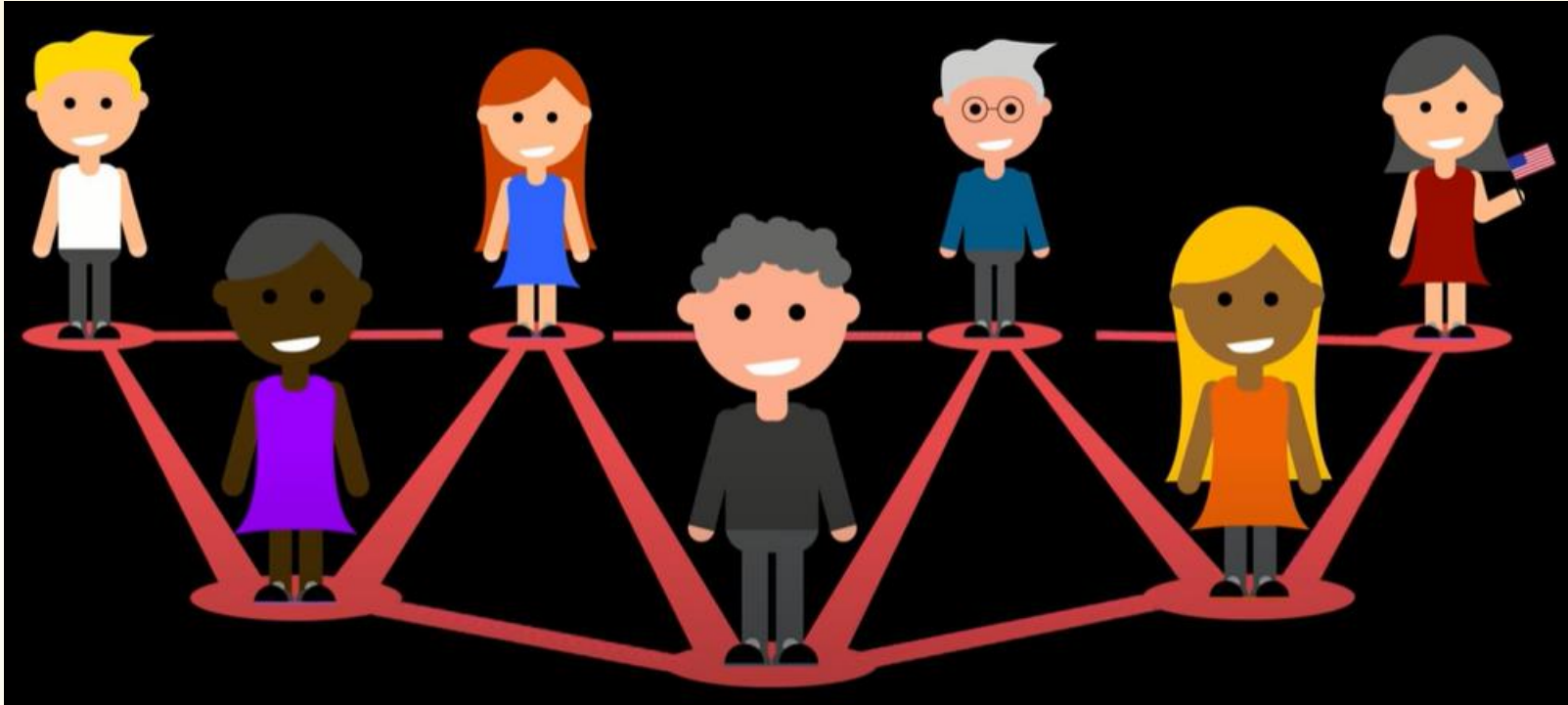
They saved money with their house. They gave the money to their children and to their grandchildren.



In the past, this happened to a lot of families in the United States. Now, white families have more money than black families. It is because of unfair laws and racism.



There are many things the United States needs to do to fix this problem.
We can change the rules about who pays for schools.



We can also meet people who are different from us and work together.