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DIRECTIONS: Read the quote aloud. Compare the modern day quote from students to the discrimination Jewel Plummer Cobb felt while advancing through her career. How is it similar when you complete the comparison, answer the question below.

1. "As a black girl, I have dealt with a lot of comments from others over the years pertaining to my skin color and other features that make me a person of color. I still remember girls telling me my hair looked "normal" after straightening it, or girls petting my curly hair calling it "different," treating me not like a person, but an exotic object. During the summer, when moments like the Black Lives Matter protests took place, I realized how many of my "friends" weren't willing to say anything. It made me feel sad knowing they decided to stay silent. I also couldn't believe the city I was born in would later be known as the city where the life of Floyd was taken." — *Naomi, Georgia*

2. I feel that there is no real definite solution to racism, but there are steps that can be taken to get closer to equality. Step 1 would be to teach your kids how to show compassion and how not to judge someone by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. By doing this, the next generation will grow up knowing how to not judge others by the way that they look but by the way they act and the decisions they make. Step 2 would be to educate this generation and the next about racism and the correct history behind it. It is mostly ignorance that causes people to make poor judgment on others and treat others unfairly and that is what I believe is one of the main causes of racism. Step 3 would be to enforce the change of history books and to encourage communities to work for each other not against each other. — *Aidan, Illinois*

Use a first-person style, write your own beliefs about racism in the U.S.
