

Segregation and Discrimination Guided Reading Questions

1. Describe voter restrictions in the South.
 - Literacy tests were required – often they were harder for A-A or in a different language.
 - Poll taxes – A-A had to pay to vote but they often too poor to pay
 - Grandfather clauses – stated that if your grandfather had voted then you could vote – but this did not apply to A-A because their ancestors had been slaves.
2. Describe Jim Crow laws.
 - Legally segregated the races in the South – so schools, hospitals, parks, theaters, transportation systems, etc.
3. Describe the case Plessy v. Ferguson.
 - Legalized segregation by stating that public facilities were “separate but equal”
 - Legalized segregation for 60 years.
4. Describe race relations between African-Americans and whites.
 - A-A were often treated like second class citizens – ex. Couldn’t shake hands with whites, had to yield the sidewalk to whites, and black men had to take off their hats for whites.
5. Describe the violence in the South.
 - Lynching was common in the South – between 1882 -1892, 1,400 people were lynched.
6. Describe the discrimination in the North.
 - A-A faced discrimination in the workplace, labor union did not accept A-A, and A-A were sometimes the last to hired.
 - Race riots were common in the North.