

Rules That Harmed

Read how Jim Crow laws and practices affected Black Americans.

SS4H6.d "Describe the effects of Jim Crow laws and practices."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the final sentence in each paragraph. Each underlined sentence names a major effect of Jim Crow laws or practices.

Life Under Jim Crow

- ① After Reconstruction ended, many Southern states and towns created Jim Crow laws. These laws forced Black and white people to use separate schools, train cars, waiting rooms, parks, and other public places. Signs and rules told people where they could sit, enter, or receive service. Facilities for Black people were often smaller, older, and given fewer supplies. This unequal treatment limited Black families' choices and made daily life unfair.
- ② Jim Crow practices also kept many Black citizens from voting. Some states used poll taxes, which were fees people had to pay before voting, and literacy tests that were unfairly given or scored. White officials could use these rules differently for white and Black voters. Threats and violence were also used to frighten people away from the polls. As a result, fewer Black citizens could vote or help choose leaders.
- ③ Segregation affected education, travel, work, and fun. Black children often attended schools with fewer books and worn buildings because public money was not shared fairly. Black travelers had to follow separate seating rules and could be denied service at some businesses. People and groups challenged Jim Crow through protests, court cases, and organizing. Jim Crow denied Black Americans equal access to public services and opportunities.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What did Jim Crow laws force Black and white people to do in public places?

2 List two ways that facilities for Black people were often unequal.

3 How did poll taxes, unfair literacy tests, and threats affect Black citizens' voting?

4 Name two areas of life affected by segregation, then describe one effect in one of those areas.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly three sentences explaining how Jim Crow laws or practices harmed Black Americans. Use one detail from paragraph 1 and one detail from either paragraph 2 or paragraph 3.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the final sentence in each paragraph. Each underlined sentence names a major effect of Jim Crow laws or practices. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Jim Crow laws force Black and white people to do in public places?	They were forced to use separate public places and facilities, such as schools, train cars, waiting rooms, parks, and other spaces.
2	List two ways that facilities for Black people were often unequal.	They were often smaller, older, or given fewer supplies. Any two are correct.
3	How did poll taxes, unfair literacy tests, and threats affect Black citizens' voting?	They kept many Black citizens from voting and from helping choose leaders.
4	Name two areas of life affected by segregation, then describe one effect in one of those areas.	Areas include education, travel, work, and fun. For example, Black children often attended schools with fewer books and worn buildings, or Black travelers had separate seating rules and could be denied service.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Jim Crow laws forced Black and white people to use separate public places. Facilities for Black people were often smaller and had fewer supplies. Poll taxes and unfair literacy tests kept many Black citizens from voting.

Accept accurate cause-and-effect explanations that use the passage. For Your Turn, check for exactly three sentences, one detail from paragraph 1, and one detail from paragraph 2 or 3.