

Rules and Resistance

Analyze how Jim Crow laws shaped daily life and political power.

SS5H6.a "Analyze the effects of Jim Crow laws and practices."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three Jim Crow laws or practices, and number three effects they had on Black people and communities. Your marks will help you trace how unfair rules changed lives.

Life Under Jim Crow

- ① After Reconstruction ended in the late 1800s, many Southern states and towns created Jim Crow laws. These laws required racial segregation, or separation of Black and white people, in public places. In Georgia and other states, separate schools, railroad cars, waiting rooms, parks, and restrooms became common. Signs and rules controlled where Black people could sit, learn, travel, and gather.
- ② Jim Crow was more than separate spaces. Black schools and public services usually received less money and fewer supplies than white ones. Many Black families had to travel farther for needed services. Segregation also made daily activities humiliating and unsafe. It sent the false message that Black citizens were less worthy, while limiting chances for education, work, and equal treatment.
- ③ Jim Crow practices also blocked political power. Poll taxes, literacy tests, and unfair rules kept many Black citizens from voting, even though the Fifteenth Amendment protected voting rights for Black men. Violence and threats enforced segregation and discouraged people from speaking out. Black communities organized, challenged unfair laws, built institutions, and demanded change. Civil rights activism helped lead to federal laws in the 1960s that outlawed segregation and protected voting rights.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What are two examples of Jim Crow segregation named in the passage?

2 How did unequal funding for schools and public services affect Black families?

3 How did poll taxes, literacy tests, and unfair rules affect Black communities' political power?

4 Why did violence and threats make Jim Crow laws and practices more powerful?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose one Jim Crow law or practice from the passage. Write four sentences that explain the practice, two effects it caused, and one way Black communities responded.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline three Jim Crow laws or practices, and number three effects they had on Black people and communities. Your marks will help you trace how unfair rules changed lives. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What are two examples of Jim Crow segregation named in the passage?	Answers may include separate schools, railroad cars, waiting rooms, parks, or restrooms.
2	How did unequal funding for schools and public services affect Black families?	Black schools and services had fewer supplies, and many Black families had to travel farther for needed services.
3	How did poll taxes, literacy tests, and unfair rules affect Black communities' political power?	They kept many Black citizens from voting, which blocked their political power.
4	Why did violence and threats make Jim Crow laws and practices more powerful?	They enforced segregation and discouraged people from speaking out against unfair treatment.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Poll taxes kept many Black citizens from voting. Without votes, Black communities had less political power to influence leaders and laws. This unfair practice also showed that equal rights were not being protected. Black communities organized and challenged unfair laws to demand change.

Accept clear cause-and-effect explanations supported by the passage. The response should identify one practice, describe two effects, and name a response such as organizing, challenging laws, building institutions, or demanding change.