

Sample Answers to Grades 5-8 Civil Rights Worksheet

1. Segregation is “the separation or isolation of a race, class, or ethnic group by enforced or voluntary residence in a restricted area, by barriers to social intercourse, by separate educational facilities, or by other discriminatory means.”

(Merriam-Webster)

2. African-Americans were segregated in Georgia and in the South in housing, education, transport, social activities, etc.

3. Jim Crow Laws

4. From the time of slavery through approximately 1975.

5. *Plessy v. Ferguson* was a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1896 to uphold racial segregation, even in public accommodations under the “separate but equal” doctrine.

6. Harry S Truman ordered desegregation of the military in 1948.

7. *Brown v. Board of Education* was a landmark decision by the Supreme Court that overturned *Plessy v. Ferguson*, stating that separate public schools for African Americans and whites resulted in a poor education for African American children and was therefore a violation of the Equal Protection Clause and the 14th Amendment. It paved the way for the desegregation of public schools.

8. The Civil Rights Movement was a movement to get rid of Jim Crow Law and racially desegregate all public facilities.

9. The Civil Rights Act outlawed segregation in the U.S. schools and public places. It prohibited discrimination in government, public facilities and employment.

10. The University of Georgia was desegregated in 1961.

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