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.


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.

10. The University of Georgia was desegregated in 1961.

Sources


