The Jim Crow South

BUT AS AMERICA MOVES FORWARD, AFRICAN AMERICANS FACE DARK TIMES...

SOUTHERN WHITES WERE RESISTANT TO BLACK RIGHTS

BUT THEY WERE LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO GRANT THEM

SOUTHERN STATES FOUND WAYS TO CIRCUMVENT THE LAWS

AND SO WE HAVE...

DISCRIMINATION & JIM CROW LAWS

SEGREGATION

act of separating people based on characteristics/criteria

Jim Crow laws to enforce segregation of races in public/private facilities

Southern states passed measures to take votes away from blacks

Poll Taxes
MANY BLACKS COULDN'T AFFORD IT

Literacy Tests
HAD TO READ, BLACKS GIVEN HARDER TESTS

Grandfather Clause
EXEMPT FROM TAX/TEST IF YOUR DAD OR GRANDFATHER COULD VOTE BEFORE 1867

RECEIPT FOR POLL TAX OF 1900.

If paid on or before Saturday next preceding the first Monday in July, 1901, will entitle the taxpayer, if otherwise qualified, to vote at any election held in this State prior to the first Monday in July, 1902.

No. _451_ Office of Collector of _Van Buren_ County, Ark.

RECEIVED, this _31_ day of _Jan_ 1901,

Of _James Hunt_ ONE DOLLAR, in payment of Poll Tax charged against him in this County for the year 1900.

The Auditor of State only is authorized to have printed and furnish Poll Tax Receipts to be used by Collectors.—Sec. 5, Act March 18, 1895.

Clay Sloan,
Auditor.

J. W. Fletcher

Collector of _Van Buren_ County

By _____ D. C.

PLESSY V. FERGUSON (1896)

LEGACY OF THE CASE

LEGALIZING SEGREGATION, "SEPARATE BUT EQUAL"

For 40 years, S.C. looked other way on unconstitutional anti-black laws in South

1896 - S.C hears case challenging segregation in the South

It rules segregation is legal & doesn't violate 14th Amendment

This ruling ensures segregation & discrimination in South for 60 years protected by the law as long as services are "equal"

"SEPARATE BUT EQUAL"

The IMPORTANCE of the JIM CROW SOUTH

HINDERED RIGHTS OF MINORITIES BY

BASICALLY CREATED TWO AMERICAS: WHITE AND BLACK

FEDERALLY DENYING BLACKS THEIR NATURAL RIGHTS

FACILITATING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION UNTIL 1950s

LEAVING AFRICAN AMERICANS UNPROTECTED FROM VIOLENT RETALIATION FOR RESISTING DISCRIMINATION