

Reading Guide Groups 1-3

Group 1:

1. Why was this time limit a problem for individuals with specific jobs?

It was hard for farmers to get to town to register during planting season.

2. Which other requirement was hard for migrant workers to meet?

Residency requirements

3. Were the registration forms that voters had to fill out easy or hard?

Hard

Group 2:

1. What were the problems with a poll tax?

They were expensive, and the voter would have to keep up with the receipt.

2. Did politicians use this tax to help them win campaigns? How?

Yes, they would buy receipts in exchange for votes.

Group 3:

1. Were secret ballots good or bad? Why?

Bad, many times voters couldn't read.

2. Who did this law affect?

This affected voters who couldn't read specifically African Americans and poor white voters.

Group 4

1. Why was Ed Johnson arrested?

He was accused of robbery and assault.

2. Did Johnson have an alibi?

Yes, several people had seen him that night.

3. Did the Supreme Court hear his case?

Yes, but only after he was killed.

4. What happened to the sheriff?

He served nine months in prison.

Group 5

5. Was Ida B. Wells born free?

No, she was born a slave.

1. What happened to Wells in 1884?

She refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white man, and she was forced off the bus.

2. What was Wells' job?

She was a journalist.

3. What happened when she spoke out against the lynching of one of her friends?

They destroyed her newspaper office.

4. Where did Wells move?

Chicago

Group 6

1. What was shopping like for African Americans?

They were not allowed to try on clothes at the store, and they were the last to be helped in the store.

2. Could African Americans call white people by their first names?

No. They had to say Mrs. or Mr.

3. What were African Americans called?

Boy, uncle, or auntie

4. What did the phrase "know your place mean?"

It means to act respectfully to whites or not do anything inappropriate.