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# Plessy v. Ferguson

*Read each question and circle the correct answer.*

1. During the Reconstruction era, the federal government made an effort to { }.
  - A. reinstitute pre-Civil War norms in the South
  - B. lower taxes for both northern and southern states
  - C. improve the legal and social status of Black people
  - D. lessen the impact of regulations on businesses
  
2. Reconstruction came to an end when { }.
  - A. federal troops left the South
  - B. Black men received the right to vote
  - C. Nebraska became a US state
  - D. Andrew Johnson became president
  
3. True or False: The end of Reconstruction opened the door for Northern Republicans to reverse progress made on racial equality.
  - A. True
  - B. False
  
4. Homer Plessy and the { } aimed to challenge the Separate Car Act.
  - A. Democratic Party
  - B. state of Louisiana
  - C. NAACP
  - D. Citizens' Committee
  
5. Plessy was arrested for sitting in a whites-only { }.
  - A. bus section
  - B. train car
  - C. public park
  - D. restaurant

6. Why was Plessy selected as a plaintiff?

- A. He had light skin and could pass as white.
- B. He was a lawyer who understood his rights.
- C. He worked for the government.
- D. He was from out of town, and nobody would recognize him.

7. Plessy's lawyers argued that the Separate Car Act violated the equal protection clause of the {}.

- A. 1st Amendment
- B. 10th Amendment
- C. 14th Amendment
- D. 15th Amendment

8. Which of the following best describes the Supreme Court's \*Plessy v. Ferguson\* decision?

- A. Racial segregation in schools is unconstitutional, but transportation must remain segregated.
- B. As long as states maintain separate but equal facilities, racial segregation does not violate the constitution.
- C. Separate but equal facilities are unconstitutional, but the federal government has no ability to intervene.
- D. The Separate Car Act violates the 14th Amendment. Therefore racial segregation is unconstitutional in all forms.

9. The Supreme Court's \*Plessy v. Ferguson\* decision laid the groundwork for {}.

- A. the end of the Jim Crow era
- B. a railroad boycott
- C. nearly 60 years of legal segregation
- D. Homer Plessy's congressional campaign

10. Which Supreme Court case overturned the \*Plessy v. Ferguson\* decision?

- A. \*Gideon v. Wainwright\*
- B. \*Marbury v. Madison\*
- C. \*Dred Scott v. Sandford\*
- D. \*Brown v. Board of Education\*