

JIM CROW LAWS WEBQUEST

Watch this video and answer the questions below :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2Iwa9LeuFM>

1. Tick the right answer:
Jim Crow was the name of...
 a black actor a white actor
 a TV programme a minstrel show (= a performance that made fun of black people)
2. Explain in your own words what the Jim Crow laws consisted in and what their purpose was:

3. Watch the video again from 1'15 to 1'57 and complete the script below :

Some examples of Jim Crow laws

A black male and a white male couldn't _____ because it implies that both were socially _____.

Blacks and whites were not supposed to _____ and if they did eat together, whites were to be _____ first and some sort of partition was to be placed _____ them.

And under no circumstances was a black male to _____ a cigarette to a white female.

Whites did not use courtesy _____, for example « Mr », « Mrs », « Miss », « Sir » or « Madam » and instead, black people were called by their _____ or some sort of derogatory term.*

* *désobligeant*

4. Have a look at these photos and complete :



In some states, African Americans were asked to wait in separate _____ at the doctor's or at the train station for example.

They had to use different _____ to go into theaters and different _____ fountains. They were not allowed to ride the same busses or _____ as white people.

5. Read this webpage:

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/brown/history/1-segregated/detail/jim-crow-laws.html>

After reading through all these laws, pick three of them that you found particularly ridiculous or shocking.

6. Plessy v. Ferguson

Now read this page :

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/brown/history/1-segregated/separate-but-equal.html>

Who was Homer Plessy ? _____

Where was he from ? _____

What happened to him ? Why ?

Who was John H Ferguson ? _____

Why was May 18 1896 a crucial date in the history of African Americans?
