

1  **September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019****How did the South change politically, socially and economically when Reconstruction ended?**

DO NOW: What voting restrictions did Afr. Amer. face after Reconstruction ended?

2  **A Divided Society**

- ▶ Racism became set firmly in the South
- ▶ Individuals took step to ensure that Afr. Amer. were kept separate from whites and did not enjoy their new found rights

3  **Voting Restrictions**

- ▶ 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment prohibited any state from denying an individual the right to vote based on race (women excluded)
- ▶ Southern leaders found ways to get around the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment
  - ▶ Poll tax – Fee paid in order to vote
  - ▶ Literacy test – had to read a part of state constitution and explain it in order to vote
  - ▶ Grandfather clauses – if they did not pass literacy test, if their grandfather voted they had the right as well

4  **Jim Crow Laws**

- ▶ Segregation (separation of the races) became common in the South
- ▶ Southern states passed Jim Crow laws
- ▶ Required Afr. Amer. and whites to be separate in public places
- ▶ 1896 – Plessy v. Ferguson
  - ▶ Supreme Ct. ruled that segregation was legal as long as facilities were equal for both African Americans and whites
  - ▶ Problem was that things were not equal
    - ▶ More money spent on white facilities than African American facilities

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▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ck-1MU759YQ>

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▶ Lynching

- ▶ Violence against African Americans rose
- ▶ Many were lynched (hanged by angry mobs)
- ▶ They were lynched if suspected of crimes or behaving different than whites believed they should

7  **Reconstruction's Impact**

- ▶ Success and failure
  - ▶ South rebuilt but remained agricultural and poor
  - ▶ African Americans gained more but great limits were put on their freedoms