

Segregation & Discrimination

**Turn of the Century Race
Relations**

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“Thomas Moss, Calvin McDowell, and Lee Stewart had been lynched in Memphis...[where] no lynching had taken place before....This is what opened my eyes to what lynching really was. An excuse to get rid of Negroes acquiring wealth and property and thus keep the race terrorized.”

Reconstruction

Civil War Amendments-13th, 14th, 15th
Amendments

-for at least 10 years after the end of Reconstruction in 1877, A-A in the South cont'd to vote & occasionally hold political office

-but by the turn of the 20th century, Southern states had adopted a system of racial discrimination

Voting Restrictions

Literacy Tests

Poll Taxes

grandfather clause

***Jan. 1, 1867**

-during the 1870s & 1880s, the S.C. failed to overturn the poll tax or grandfather clause, even though the laws undermined all fed. protections for A-A civil rights

Jim Crow Laws



Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)



Homer Plessy



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Racial etiquette-informal rules & customs that regulated relationships b/t whites and blacks

- typically intended to belittle or humiliate A-A, enforcing their second-class status
- consequences of not following racial etiquette: VIOLENCE

Violence

-between 1882 & 1892, more than 1,400
A-A men & women were shot, burned or
hanged without trial in the South

-lynching peaked in the 1880s & 1890s
but cont'd well into the 20th c.

Discrimination in the North

-by 1900, a large # of A-A had moved to N. cities in search of better-paying jobs & social equality

De jure vs. De facto segregation

-violence sometimes broke out in the N. b/t A-A & working-class whts.

-NYC race riot of 1900

