

Segregation and Discrimination - Activity

Part A. Build Vocabulary

Key Terms Write the term in each blank that best completes the statement.

debt peonage: system in which a person is required to work to pay off debts

poll tax: money one had to pay in order to vote

grandfather clause: part of a law that allowed poor, uneducated whites to vote

segregation: word used to describe racial separation

1. To keep African Americans from voting, Southern states required payment of a _____ before being allowed to vote.
2. In the Southwest, some Mexicans and African Americans were forced into _____, a system that bound workers into slavery until they paid off a debt to an employer.
3. The system that established separate public facilities for blacks and whites was called _____.
4. The purpose of the _____ was to allow poor whites to vote even if they could not pay the poll tax or pass a literacy test.

Part B. Cooperative Work

Complete the chart by reading pp. 492–497 and working with your partner to determine the answers to your questions.

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What I K now	What I W ant to Know	What I L earned