



Remembering Jim Crow: Student Exercises

Answer Key

Listening Comprehension

The following questions are based on Part 1 of audio documentary:

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1. What was the purpose of the system of laws and social customs known as Jim Crow?

The purpose of Jim Crow was to deny African Americans their dignity and their rights as citizens.

2. Where did the term “Jim Crow” originate?

Jim Crow was a character in the minstrel shows of the early 1800s.

3. Under Jim Crow, the best careers that educated African Americans were likely to pursue were _____ and _____.

The best careers were teaching or preaching.

4. What term describes an arrangement between white landowners and the black farmers who worked on their land?

The system was known as sharecropping.