

# The Impact of Jim Crow Laws on American Society Worksheet

## Directions

- You are citizens of a community that wishes to repeal the Jim Crow laws. You will need to make an effective argument to your elected representatives.
- Use the Web site *Remembering Jim Crow* at <http://www.americanradioworks.org/features/remembering/index.html> to research one of the topics listed below. Be sure to gather and note specific examples during your research.
- After you have completed your research, your group will compose a report that argues why Jim Crow laws in the South should be repealed. Your report must be at least two pages of typed information (double-spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins) and must include specific examples. If you or your family members have had any personal experiences with discrimination and Jim Crow laws, include them.

## Topics for Research

- Economic impact of Jim Crow laws — e.g., employment, access to higher paying jobs, educational opportunities
- Political impact of Jim Crow laws — e.g., voting rights, running for elected office
- Social impact of Jim Crow laws — e.g., marriage, interaction with the white community
- Resistance to Jim Crow laws — e.g., strategies used by African Americans