# High School U.S. History

## Assessment Part 1

**Issues Facing African Americans During World War II**

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U.S. HISTORY CONTENT

Use what you know from your studies in U.S. history to answer the following questions. Circle the letter next to the correct response.

1. The experiences of African Americans serving in the military forces during World War II influenced their postwar decision to
   A. renew support for the principle of separate but equal
   B. join the armed forces in record numbers
   C. increase efforts to end racial discrimination
   D. move back to the rural south

2. What was the primary reason for the increased migration of African Americans to cities during World War II?
   A. An increase in civil rights legislation occurred during this period
   B. The South was experiencing a major economic recession
   C. Industry in the North was expanding rapidly
   D. They had a patriotic desire to join integrated military units

3. “Jim Crow” laws were written to
   A. ensure full citizenship rights for freedmen
   B. promote investments in factories in the South
   C. enforce segregation practices
   D. diversify the Southern economy

4. One social effect of the large migration of African Americans to U.S. industrial centers between 1940 and 1950 was
   A. increased racial tensions
   B. the peaceful integration of southern schools
   C. a 20th-century revival of the arts
   D. improved public transportation systems
5. After WWII, President Harry Truman advanced the cause of civil rights for African Americans by
   A. ordering the desegregation of the Armed Forces
   B. appointing the first African American to the Supreme Court
   C. supporting the ratification of the 14th and 15th amendments
   D. establishing affirmative action policies for industry

6. Which of the following benefited most from federal spending during World War II?
   A. Cotton states in the South
   B. Ports and air force bases in the West
   C. The “Corn Belt,” from Kansas to Ohio
   D. Oil states in the Southwest

7. All of the following occurred during the Second World War EXCEPT
   A. A dramatic increase of married women entering the paid work force
   B. The forced relocation of Japanese-Americans from the West Coast to camps in the interior
   C. The prohibition of interstate travel without government permission
   D. An increase of African American immigration to urban areas

8. Which of the following was true of Black soldiers in the United States Army during the First World War?
   A. Black soldiers and White soldiers served in fully integrated units
   B. Black soldiers served in segregated units often commanded by White officers
   C. Black Americans were drafted into the armed forces but were not allowed to enlist
   D. Black Americans were not allowed in the armed forces, but were encouraged to take factory jobs in war industries
9. Both World War I and World War II led to changes for women and minorities. Which of the following improved their status in society as a result of these wars?
   A. Participation in combat
   B. New job opportunities
   C. Favorable court cases
   D. Integration of public schools

10. During World War II, African-Americans in the military
    A. could serve only in the Army
    B. were integrated for the first time into white units
    C. served in leadership positions
    D. received training as airplane pilots