

AP United States Government
Chapter 5 Study Guide – Civil Rights and Public Policy

Name: _____

Vocabulary: On index cards, define the terms from the website.

Key Cases: On index cards, identify the importance of the cases from the websites.

Questions: Complete the following as you read chapter 5 in your textbook.

1. What are the three key types of inequality in America?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. Explain the two major conceptions of equality.
 - a.
 - b.
3. What is the only mention of the idea of equality in the Constitution?
4. Explain the Supreme Court's three standards for classifications under the equal protection clause and give an example of each.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

5. Complete the following table listing the three eras of the struggle for African American equality, the major policy focus during each era, major court cases and their importance in each era, and any acts of Congress or constitutional amendments passed during each era.

Historical Era	Policy Focus	Court Cases	Acts/Amendments

6. Compare and contrast the significance of the Supreme Court cases of *Scott v. Sandford* (1857), *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896), and *Brown v. Board Education* (1954).

7. What is the difference between *de jure* segregation and *de facto* segregation?

8. List the six major provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

17. In what two ways are women legally treated differently in the military?

a.

b.

18. How has the Supreme Court dealt with the issue of sexual harassment?

19. In what ways are the elderly discriminated against in American society?

20. What are the main provisions of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990?

21. Why might gays and lesbians face the toughest battle for equality?

22. List four cases in which the Supreme Court seems to support affirmative action and four cases in which it seems to oppose affirmative action.

Support:

1.

2.

3.

Oppose:

1.

2.

3.

4.

23. How does equality threaten liberty?

24. How do civil rights laws increase the scope and power of government?