



Information Essay Planner

Name _____

General Topic _____

The "Hook": "We've come a long way from the days of Jim Crow, and yes, we elected a Black president, but racism still exists."

The Topic Sentence:

The Jim Crow laws were glaring examples of racist laws created by white people who felt they were superior to Black people.

The 3 Reasons Jot Dots:

- unfair voting laws
- separate public places
- unfair social rules

Subtopic 1:

Include a transition

One example of unfair Jim Crow laws was that they prevented Black people from voting because they didn't "qualify."

- legally "allowed" to vote
- pay a poll tax
- sometimes they had to own property
- pass unfair literacy tests
- pass a test about the constitution (against the law to learn about it)
- fill out complicated forms
- white people would often beat up Black people who tried to vote