

CPI2 – Semester 2

Writing Assessment

Jim Crow laws were laws that governed the interactions of white people and black people (in the Southern USA) and forced races to be treated completely differently. These laws were enacted primarily from the late 1870s to the mid 1960s and were intended to keep races “separate but equal.” These laws, however, were anything but equal.

Directions: Read some of these laws below and do more research on these laws. After learning more about Jim Crow laws in the south, write an essay (approximately 500 words) and discuss the following:

- Give a brief description of the setting and plot of *The Help*
- Comment on particular aspects of the film such as the script, the direction the acting, the pace, etc.
- Give your comments and thoughts about what stands out to you the most about the Jim Crow laws? How do you believe laws like this could have been enforced for nearly 100 years?
- Give your personal opinion of the film as a whole

Research

No person shall require any white female to nurse in wards or rooms in which negro men are placed.

It shall be unlawful for a white person to marry anyone except a white person. Any marriage in violation of this section will be void.

No colored barber shall serve as a barber to white women or girls.

The officer in charge shall not bury any colored persons upon ground used for the burial of white persons.

Books shall not be interchangeable between the white and colored schools, but shall continue to be used by the race first using them.

Due: November 10th