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Laws Of Control

Directions: Read the descriptions of Black Codes and Jim Crow laws. Then explain their similarities, differences, and lasting effects on American society using complete sentences.

Black Codes (Reconstruction Era):

Laws passed in Southern states right after the Civil War that limited the freedom and rights of formerly enslaved African Americans. These laws controlled where they could work, live, and travel, trying to keep them in low-wage labor.

Jim Crow Laws (Late 1800s-1960s):

Laws that enforced racial segregation and unequal treatment in schools, transportation, public places, and voting. These laws claimed "separate but equal," but conditions for African Americans were usually far worse.

1. Similarities: How were they alike in their goals and effects?

2. Differences: How were they different in time period and purpose?

3. Lasting Effects: How did these laws shape the lives and opportunities of African Americans long after they were created?

4. Evaluate Change: Did the end of Reconstruction make life easier or harder for African Americans in the South? Explain.
