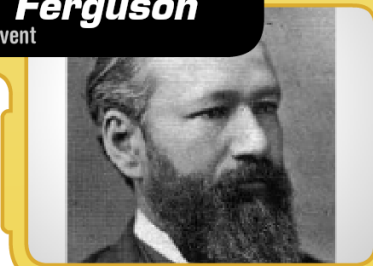


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Plessy v. Ferguson Event



1 Description

What:

The Supreme Court ruled that "separate but equal" facilities were legal.

Time Period:

Plessy acted on June 7, 1892, and the case was heard in 1896

Location:

It occurred on a Louisiana train and in the Supreme Court.

2 Cause and Outcome

Cause:

Plessy, a light-skinned black, sat in the "white" car of the train and identified himself as black to challenge the Separate Car Act.

Reason:

Plessy and his lawyer believed the act violated the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution.

Result:

This led to the "separate but equal" doctrine to be spread to other aspects of public life.

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3 Importance

Significance:

This court case made it legal for other areas of life to be segregated, such as schools, buses, and even drinking fountains.

To Whom:

People of color were most affected because seldom were the facilities equal as the law ordered.

4 Interesting Facts

Additional Information:

It required another court case in 1954 to stop "separate but equal" from being law, and that was Brown v. the Board of Education.

5 Personal Connection

Personal Connection:

Plessy v. Ferguson negatively influenced the lives of Americans and caused racism to flourish.

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