

Assessing with Primary Sources

Grade Level(s): 6-8

Standards or Objectives: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.6-8.1: Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.6-8.2: Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.

Library of Congress Resources:



For the sunny South. An airship with a "Jim Crow" trailer.
Published in 1913.

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/cph.3b48958/>

Topic Background:

For more than a century after the Civil War, a system of laws and practices denied full freedom and citizenship to African Americans, segregating nearly all aspects of public life.

Excerpted from:

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/civil-rights/pdf/teacher_guide.pdf

Source(s) Used:

The source used for this assessment is a caricature showing three people on an airship with a Jim Crow Trailer. It was created in 1913.

Answer Key:

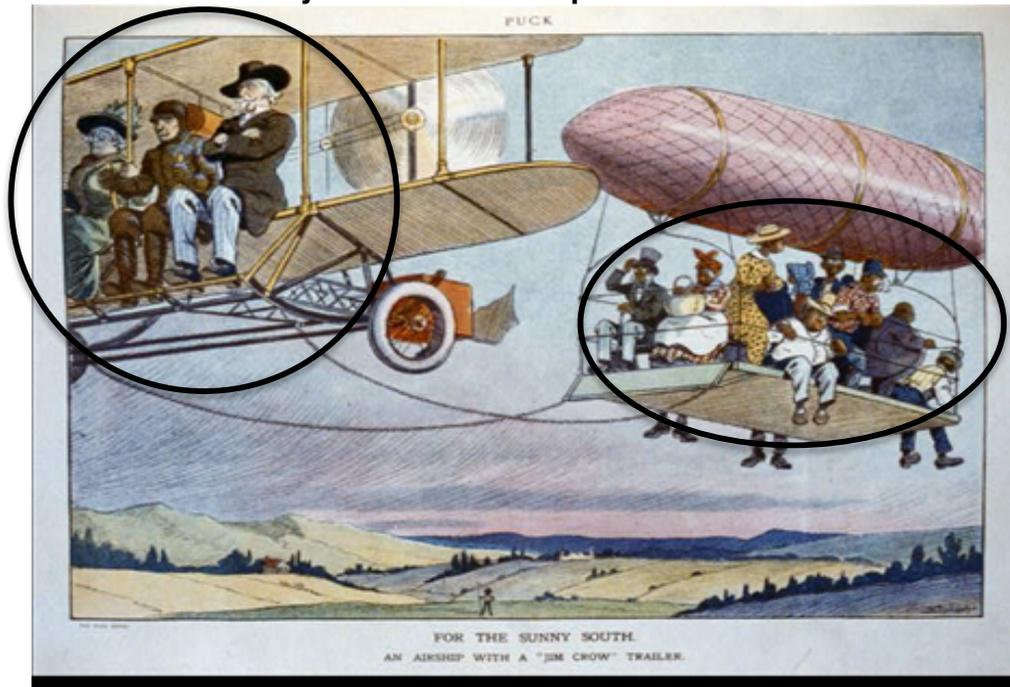
Question 1: B

Question 2: D

Directions: Look at the caricature below and answer the questions that follow.

Jim Crow Laws

For the sunny South. An airship with a "Jim Crow" trailer



Question 1: What can best be inferred from the two circled areas of the above image? (CCSS.RI.1)

- A. The people in the trailer are very excited because they are socializing a lot.
- B. The people in the airship are white and those in the trailer are black servants.
- C. The people in the airship were sick people who were isolated so that they do not contaminate the group of people in the trailer.
- D. The people in the trailer were sick people who were isolated so that they do not contaminate the pilot and the couple in the airship.

Question 2: Which statement best reflects the central idea of the image above? (CCSS.RI.2)

- A. Because of the lack of seats in the airship, black people traveled in a trailer.
- B. Black people traveled in the trailer because it was more fun and comfortable.
- C. Black people traveled in the trailer because they arrived late.
- D. Regardless of the availability of seats in the airship, black people traveled in the trailer.