Aim: Who had the better approach for improving the conditions for African Americans – Booker T. Washington or W.E.B. DuBois?

Do Now: Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)
1. What part of the 14th Amendment did the case Plessy v. Ferguson involve? Which Clause?
2. What was the courts opinion on whether the 14th Amendment was violated in this case?

Review Sheet: Due Tomorrow
Exam: Friday
Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)

- **Constitutional Issue**: Do Jim Crow (Louisiana Railway Segregation Laws) Violate the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment?
- **Supreme Court Decision**: Louisiana law (segregation laws) were Constitutional
- Established “Separate but Equal”
- Separate facilities for African Americans do not violate their rights as long as those facilities are equal to those provided for white Americans
Economic Developments

• Changes in Agriculture
  – Sharecropping
Sharecropping

Why was the sharecropping system so hard to overcome?

**Sharecropping:**
- someone who works land that's rented from its owner
- Cycle of debt
Results

- Cycle of debt
Opposing Approaches to Advancing Civil Rights
Opposing Approaches

Booker T. Washington
• Blacks should accept political discrimination and Jim Crow
• Focus on vocational education and lifting oneself economically
• Over time whites will accept Blacks and grant full equality

W.E.B. DuBois
• Rejected Washington
• Demand Immediate equality
• Demonstrate peacefully for civil rights
• Founder of N.A.A.C.P.
• According to BTW
  – How should blacks improve themselves?
  – What were his views concerning segregation and political rights?
  – How did he think discrimination would eventually be ended?