Discussion Questions

AP Gov’t

1. Explain the separate-but-equal clause as the connection between *Plessey v Ferguson* and *Brown v BOE*.
2. Name the three Civil War or Reconstruction Amendments.
   1. Which of these contains the Equal Protection Clause?
   2. Why was this a “marked contrast to the founder’s original intent to limit federal power?”
   3. Why was the clause necessary at the time?
3. Explain the difference between *de jure* segregation and *de facto* segregation. Provide an example of each.
4. In what ways are the Civil Rights (and Voting Rights) Acts different from amendments (your group must agree on one answer)?
   1. They are about regulation
   2. They are about granting new rights
   3. They are about giving the federal government more power
   4. They are about giving state government more power.

Choose two seemingly contradictory options from above; could ***both*** apply to the Civil Rights/Voting Rights Acts and amendments (you may do this part on your own)?