

**CHAPTER 6: CIVIL RIGHTS**  
**WILSON GUIDED READING QUESTIONS**

**To test your ability to integrate and express the ideas that you have been studying in this chapter, practice writing extended answers to the following questions. You are to hand write your responses on separate sheets of paper. These will be collected for homework grades**

1. Summarize the facts of the case in Plessy v. Ferguson and the Supreme Court's ruling.
2. Describe some of the test cases that were brought to the Supreme Court leading up to Brown v. Board of Education.
3. Explain why the rationale of the decision in Brown was so unusual and why the Court used that rationale, as opposed to others?
4. Summarize the guidelines for school segregation cases as settled by Swann v. Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education.
5. What four developments made it possible to break the deadlock in Congress regarding significant civil rights legislation?
6. Identify five provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.
7. Explain the difference between the reasonableness standard and the strict scrutiny standard.
8. Note 6-7 examples of gender discriminations which the Supreme Court has allowed/disallowed under its current interpretation of the law.
9. Explain the two forms of sexual harassment identified by the EEOC and the standards of liability that attend each.
10. Explain the trimester framework asserted in Roe v. Wade and how the right to privacy was read into the Constitution.
11. Identify some additional regulations and restrictions regarding abortion which have been upheld by the Supreme Court in the aftermath of Roe.
12. Identify the five statutory requirements for naturalization.
13. While the Supreme Court's decisions regarding affirmative action are almost evenly divided, a few general standards seem to be emerging. Identify 4-5 of those standards.
14. Summarize the Court's decisions in Bowers and Lawrence.