**Class Discussion Questions:**

**Essential Question:** How has the legal system and its laws been used to maintain inequalities?

What are some examples of a discriminatory law?

What was the purpose of this law? What stereotypes and discriminatory attitudes does it reflect?

What inequalities did this law reinforce?

How did this law prevent a targeted group from accessing opportunities?

In what ways did this law impact people socially? Economically? Politically?

What legacies of this law may persist into the present day for the targeted communities?

What circumstances led to support for reforming the law?

What factors influence change in laws ? (popular support, changing awareness etc….) Are you aware of any examples in your case?

How do social and political forces lead to change in the law? (Factors such as: popular support for change, response to historical events, changing social values or community awareness, expectations of the legal system)

What forces reinforce continuity and status quo? What forces affect change in the short and long term?