

VIDEO DISCUSSION GUIDE

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1. The 1901 Constitutional Convention was primarily called for what reasons?
2. Who made up the delegation of the 1901 Convention?
3. Alabama's constitution is the longest in the U.S. True False
4. Alabama's constitution is the longest in the world. True False
5. Who was Booker T. Washington?
6. How did Booker T. Washington try to influence the delegates of the 1901 Convention?
7. What is the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
8. Could Blacks legally vote in Alabama prior to the 1901 Convention?
9. What percentage of black voters in Alabama was disenfranchised by the 1901 Constitution?
10. Name two ways the 1901 Convention used to restrict voting rights:
11. Why couldn't the delegates simply eliminate the black votes instead of using poll taxes and literacy tests?
12. There were two former Governors elected as delegates to the 1901 convention, name them?
13. Who is Miss Frances Griffin?
14. What is a "suffragist"?
15. Did Alabama vote in favor of giving women the ballot in 1901?
16. Why do you think some delegates argued against the convention being recorded as public record?
17. Historians suggest that the ratification of the 1901 Constitution was secured by the voters in what region?
18. How many times has the Alabama Constitution been amended?
 - a. 50-75
 - b. 75-100
 - c. 200
 - d. more than 800
19. Do you think that the 1901 Constitution, with its discriminatory purpose, represents the thinking of Alabama's people in 2010?