**Deliberation Guide for Teacher**

**Central Question: What was the most effective method of responding to Jim Crow Laws?**

* Between Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois, who had the better idea? Why?
	+ What do they feel are the best ways to improve the life of Black Americans during the years after slavery has ended?
	+ DuBois – he wanted to focus on the most talented 10% of the population. If we have a class of 25-30, that means we would pool our resources and send 2-3 of us to college. The rest of us would stay home. Is this the best idea? Why or why not?
	+ Do you think Booker T. Washington should have done more to promote the economic and political rights of blacks?
* What about Marcus Garvey’s idea?
	+ Did he have a stronger idea than DuBois or Washington?
* What do you think of Maggie Lena Walker’s ideas ?
	+ Do you agree or disagree with her position? Why or why not? List three or more reasons.
	+ Do you think that Black American businessmen and business women had a legitimate chance of succeeding during this time period?
		- What happened to Ida B. Wells’ friends when they tried to start their own businesses?
		- What do you think Walker would say about them being lynched?
* What do you think of Ida B. Wells’ approach of using the media to expose lynching? Is this the most important concern? Why or why not?
* What do you think of Isaiah Montgomery’s plan to create an independent African-American community?
	+ What do you like about his plan?
	+ Do you see problems?
	+ Do African-Americans have a legitimate chance of being successful?
	+ Do you think he should have spoken out more forcefully (and used his status) to fight for the legal and economic rights of African-Americans?
* Do you think separating from whites is the best plan or integrating with them? Which will bring us prosperity the fastest?
* Of all the visions, which had the most promise for improving the conditions of African-Americans?
	+ Which had the weakest?
	+ Do you think any of these visions could be combined?
	+ Are some contradictory?