LESSON 4: Jim Crow

After reading this personal narrative, go back and review the questions at the beginning of the article. Answer each question completely in the space provided.

1. Based on the discussion between Joe and Uncle Gus, what can you infer about being black living in Los Angeles in 1961? How is Los Angeles different from Texas in regard to how blacks are treated?

2. Why did the owner of the gas station warn the family to leave town? How is this behavior contradictory to his excluding them from the bathroom and the diner?

3. What is the lesson learned by Mr. Holloway’s uncle that night?

4. What are the lessons learned by Mr. Holloway?