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Lesson Title State to Integrate HIV-Positive Prisoners

E-Newscast Video Link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXHwv5wmshI

Video Length Two minutes and forty-eight seconds

Grade Level High School & Above

## Summary

During the height of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980's, the United States began separating, or segregating, prisoners who were HIV positive from other prisoners. Today, all of the states except South Carolina and Alabama have ended this practice. These two states must re-integrate HIV-positive prisoners soon, though, in accordance with two recently announced legal settlements.

## **Review Questions**

What action must these two states take in order to satisfy their respective settlements?

The segregation of the prisoners in Alabama violated which act, according to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama?

With proper treatment, how long can a person who is HIV-positive live?

## Free writing "Journal" Prompt

Why do you think the practice of segregating HIV-positive prisoners began?

How does this segregation practice relate to attitudes of discrimination?

The act of segregating, or separating, a certain group of people has occurred previously in history. Can you think of any previous historical instances or time periods where segregation was practiced?

What about this report do you have questions about, or want to know more about?