



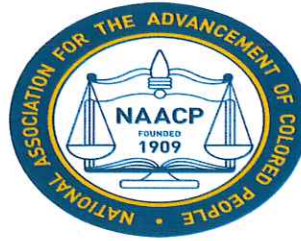
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NAACP CO-OP CITY BRANCH

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2nd Annual

Black History - 3rd—5th Grade Essay Contest

Title : Perspective on Time

Topic: Brown Vs. Board

Objective: Participants will create a visual art/math based timeline on their reflections of the Brown Vs. Board case. Reflections should represent their personal perspectives of time based on their relationship with a close relative who experienced living in the 1950's. The idea is to show that "the olden' days" aren't so "olden". The idea and practice of racism is not an "old" ideology and education has had both a negative and positive result of this disturbing practice.

Here's How:

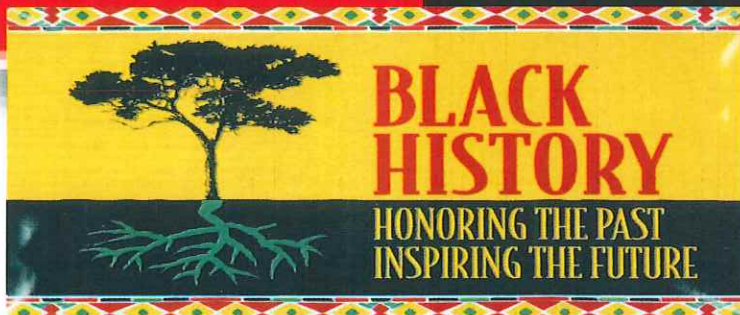
A. After reading the Brown Vs. Board Passage, participants will be asked to answer the following:

1. What year are you living in Now?
2. What year were you born in?
3. What is the name of your closest relative over 45 years of age?
4. How old is (name of closest Relative)?
5. What year was (name of closest Relative born)?
6. In what year did Mr. Oliver Brown try to enroll his daughter Linda Brown into school?
7. In what year did Mr. Oliver Brown along with other parents, decide to bring a suit to the Board of Education and Why?
8. The case ended in favor of Linda Brown, in what year did that take place?

B. Based on the numbers provided above participants will now be asked to develop a formula and answer the following questions:

1. How old was your closest relative when Mr. Oliver Brown tried to enroll his daughter Linda Brown into school?
2. How old was your closest relative when the case ended in favor of Linda Brown?
3. How man years has it been since Mr.Oliver Brown brought the suit against the Board of Education?

C. Think of (Closest Relative), how many years are you separated by age? Think of the Time that has passed by since Mr. Brown first brought the suit to the Supreme Court. Do you think you are directly affected by the outcome? Can you draw a picture showing what would a classroom in the US looked like 1950 , 1954 & how it appears to you in 2018?



Due by 2/15/18

Brown versus Board of Education (1954) (full name ***Oliver Brown, et al v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas***) was an important **law** case in the **United States**. This case was decided by the **Supreme Court of the United States**, which is the highest court in the US.

In Topeka, Kansas, a black third-grade girl named Linda Brown had to walk more than a mile through a railroad switchyard to get to her school for black children, even though there was an elementary school for white children less than seven blocks away. Her father tried to get her into the white school, but the principal of the school refused. Twelve more black parents joined Oliver Brown, Linda's father, in trying to get their children into the white elementary school. Even though it was said that the two schools were both equal, this was not true. As the principal refused to allow their children into his school, a legal case was made. The case won and it was made illegal for there to be separate schools for blacks and whites, even though some states, at first, refused. This case was supported by the **NAACP**.

The ruling

The Supreme Court has nine **justices**. The vote on *Brown v. Board of Education* was unanimous, meaning that all nine justices voted the same way. The ruling in the case was written by **Earl Warren**, who was Chief Justice. He said "*separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.*" This undid an earlier decision called ***Plessy v. Ferguson***, which said that separate schools were legal. This decision made the **racial segregation** of schools against the law in every US state. Some states did not obey this court decision at first. It was not until the early **1970s** that all US public schools were *integrated* (the opposite of segregated).