

# Segregation in New Orleans in 10 Objects

## Opening Question

What legal rights should all people be guaranteed? Why are these rights important?

## How do some legal decisions affect all Americans?

Supreme Court:



Appeals Courts



Local Courts:

## The Supreme Court

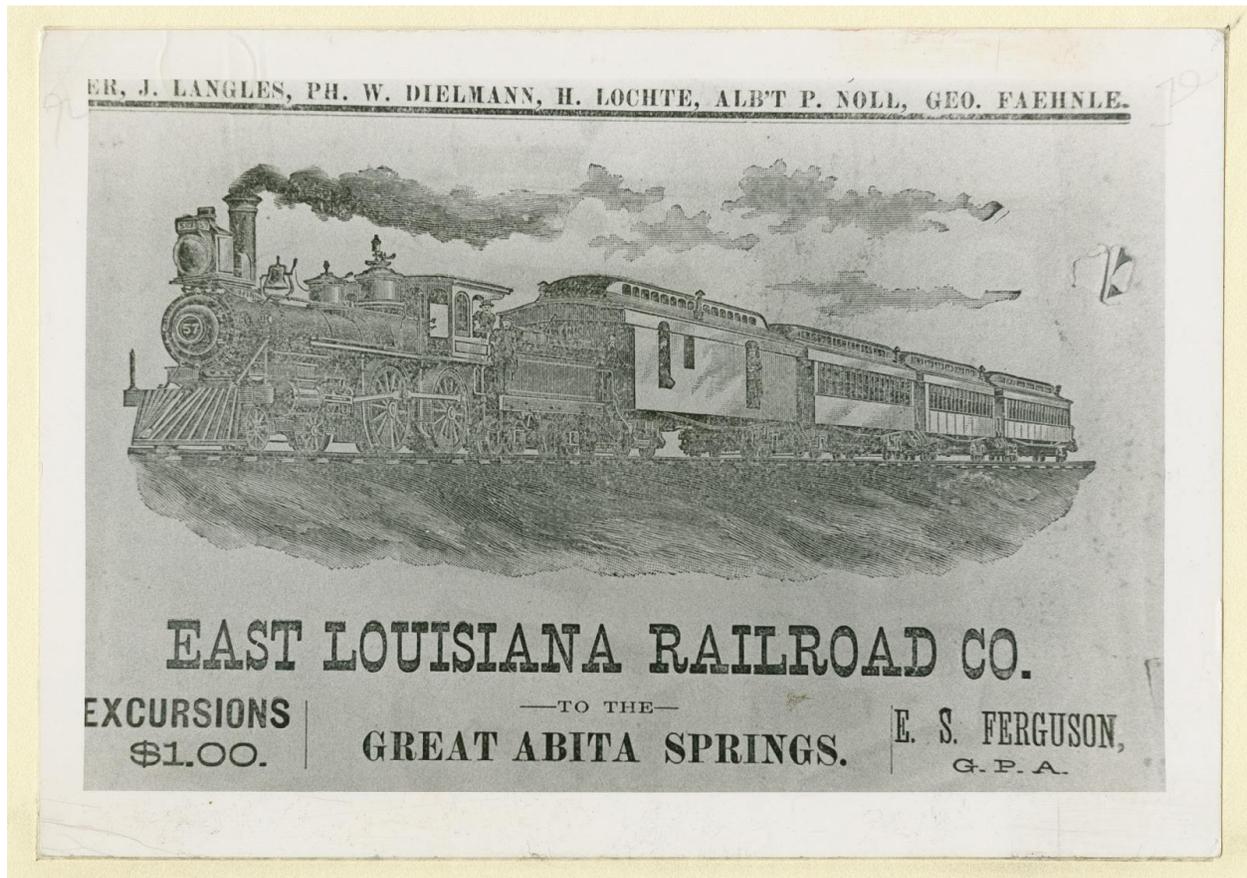
- \_\_\_\_\_ justices rule on court cases; a majority of at least \_\_\_\_\_ justices must agree on a decision
- Supreme Court decisions determine how the law is applied to all Americans.
- Many people try to appeal legal decisions to the Supreme Court, but the Court declines to hear most of these cases.
- **Question:** On what legal document does the Supreme Court base its decisions?
  - **Answer:**

## Segregation

- **Definition:** “the enforced separation of different racial groups in a country, community, or establishment.”

## Object #1: Railroad company advertisement

Source: <http://hnoc.minisisinc.com/thnoc/catalog/1/42855>



Circle at least one part of the image that draws your attention.

## Object #2: Segregated Streetcar



**Object #3: Image of a segregated streetcar, 1948**



<http://hnoc.minisisinc.com/thnoc/catalog/1/61240>

*Circle at least one thing that draws your attention in this image.*

**Question:** What do you think was the purpose of segregating public transportation?

**Object #4: Report to the New Orleans Board of School Directors**

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**GIRLS—WHITE.**

Jackson and Chippewa Streets.

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Mrs. M. STAMPS.....Principal, Dept., English.  
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 Miss C. HUBBARD .....Principal, Dept., English.  
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Grammar and Primary Schools.

FIRST DISTRICT.

JACKSON—Boys—White.  
 GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY.  
 Magazine and Terpsichore Streets.  
 District—St. Mary, St. Charles, Thalia, River.  
 Miss Isabella Simmons.....Principal  
 Miss Virginia Marion.....Assistant  
 Miss Irene D. Pickens....."  
 Miss Kate Slack....."  
 Miss Carrie Forrer....."  
 Miss Julia Ennemoser....."  
 MRS. E. McLAUGHLIN—Portress.

JACKSON—Girls—White.

GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY.

Magazine, between Terpsichore and Robin Streets.  
District—St. Mary, St. Charles, Thalia, River.

Miss Fanny A. Stringer.....Principal  
 Miss M. J. Dornan.....Assistant  
 Miss Ida Whitaker....."  
 Miss M. S. Wilson....."  
 Miss Virginia Fassman....."  
 Miss Pauline Marquiz....."  
 MISS BRIDGET DOYLE—Portress.

PAULDING—Boys and Girls—White.

GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY.

Constance and Gaiennie Streets.  
 District—Girls—Thalia, St. Charles, St. Joseph,  
 River.  
 District—Boys—Thalia, Baronne, St. Joseph,  
 River.

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 Miss Kate Simond....."  
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Question: Which students attended these high schools?

### **Object #5: McDonogh No. 35 High School**



<http://hnoc.minisisinc.com/thnoc/catalog/1/56911>

**Question:** Why is a high school education important?

**Question:** What was the purpose of denying a high school education to Black students?

### **Object #6: Brief of the Schools and Playgrounds Committee of the Federation of Civic Leagues New Orleans**

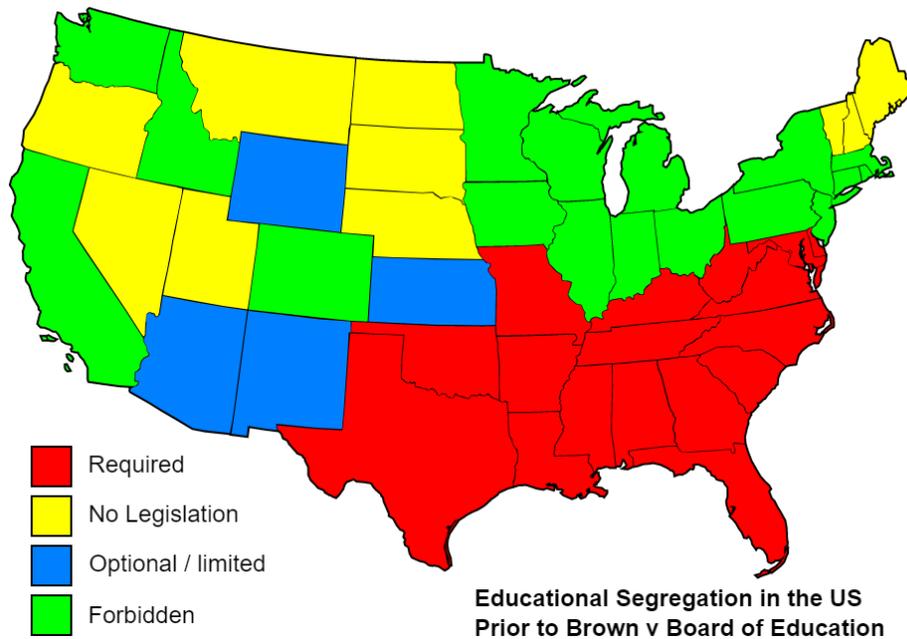
Click this link to explore the document: <http://hnoc.minisisinc.com/thnoc/catalog/3/31836>

Write down two examples of things that writers of the petition want added to/changed about segregated schools:

- 1)
- 2)

**Question:** Which requests do you think are the most important? Why?

## Background: Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka



- In 1954, the Supreme Court heard a case brought by the families of African-American students in Kansas. The families wanted their children to attend schools that were not segregated.
  - The Court decided unanimously (9 - 0) that “separate educational facilities are inherently unequal”

**Question:** What is one state in which educational segregation was forbidden?

**Question:** What is one state in which educational segregation was required?

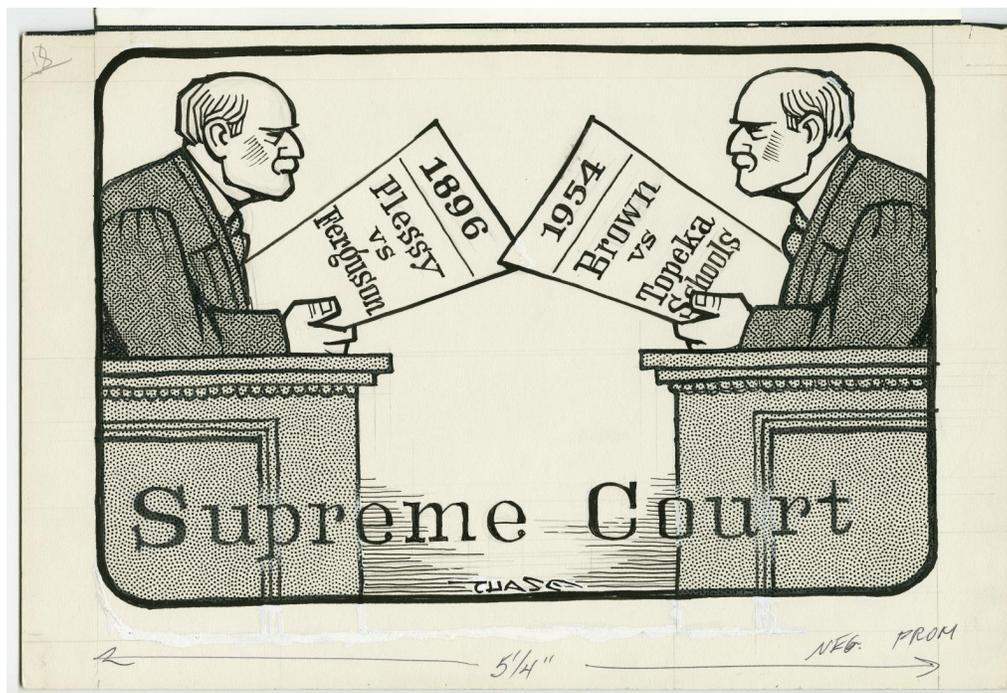
### Object #7: Leona Tate oral history

Link: <https://youtu.be/gilibA09KqA>

**Question:** If you could ask Leona Tate one question, what would you ask her?



## Object #10: Political Cartoon



### Caption:

**Question:** What kind of person is holding the legal decisions (Plessy v. Ferguson and Brown v. Topeka Schools)?

### Closing Questions

1. What is one new fact that you learned today?
2. How can physical objects help us gain a better understanding of the past?
3. Which object that we viewed today do you believe is the most useful in helping us understand the history of legal segregation?