

SEPARATE IS NOT EQUAL

BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Five Communities Change the Nation: Research Sheet

Brown v. Board of Education was one of five cases that the Supreme Court ruled on in its May 17, 1954, decision that declared school segregation illegal. Your task is to gather as much information as possible about the community that you have been assigned. Later, you will use this information to create a radio broadcast that will present this information to the rest of the class.

1. Your community is:

Find it on a map.

2. What kind of a community did this case take place in?

3. The name of the court case was:

a. Who was/were the plaintiff(s)?

b. Who was/were the defendant(s)?

c. What was the complaint?

d. What lawyers tried the case?

e. What court heard the case? What was the decision?

4. What local community members and institutions were important to this case? Explain their importance. See what biographical information you can find about each person.