



Thurgood Marshall: Student Exercises

Critical Thinking

These activities are based on the (abridged) article by [Waldo Martin: *The Brown Decision and Its Discontents*](#)

Discussion Items: Divide the students into two groups and prepare debates on the following topics:

- Is it important to have integrated elementary and secondary schools?
- Is the United States committed to integration? What evidence have you for or against?

Research Challenges

Make a time line of events—taken from the introduction to the Web site. Have students research each item (1-2 students per item) and add their work to a concrete timeline.