



Thurgood Marshall: Student Exercises Answer Key

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1. Who was the first African American named to the US Supreme Court?

Thurgood Marshall

2. What were the Jim Crow Laws?

Rules allowing rigid segregation of blacks and whites in all situations.

3. Who was Charles Hamilton Houston?

Law professor at Howard who trained Thurgood Marshall rigorously

4. What is the NAACP?

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Founded in 1909 to oppose segregation

5. Who is W.D. Lyons?

Black man defended by Thurgood Marshall for murder and saved from the death penalty.

6. Why is May 17, 1954 so important?

Supreme Court decides that separate but equal education is not legal

7. Why is Little Rock Central High so important?

Site of resistance to integration-and emblem that southern politicians and people did not want integration.

8. What did President Eisenhower do to help integration?

He reluctantly ordered Federal troops to Little Rock to enforce integration.