

POLS 200 Introduction to Law and Commerce

Separate But Equal Film: (Attentiveness Quiz)

As you watch portions of the above video, please address the following questions:

1. Since the Plessy v. Ferguson case of 1896, how many times had the US Supreme Court upheld the “separate but equal” doctrine?
2. How did the Governor of South Carolina hope to avoid Federal Court intrusion into the affairs of his state?
3. What was the “3 judge court”, and why was it necessary to hear the racial segregation cases?

From the Trial Testimony of the Experts:

4. What were the alleged effects of racial segregation, and How did the Thurgood Marshall team attempt to prove or quantify the damages stemming from it ?

5. According to the school superintendent, how did South Carolina justify how they were spending money on black and white schools?
6. One of the psychological experts stated that black children were inferior to white children. What did he mean by this? i.e. What does this have to do with “nature vs Nurture” Explain.
7. If South Carolina had truly spent an equal amount of money on black and white schools, do you think the outcome of the case would have been different? Was it money alone that made a difference?

8. From a socio-economic perspective, what are the advantages or disadvantages of having both black and white schools?
9. What intellectual traits were exhibited by Thurgood Marshall, as well as Justice Earl Warren, that helped achieve an amicable resolution to the case?
10. What were the consequences, or implications, of the Brown v. Board of Education cases on US racial relations in areas other than school? Are all US schools now desegregated? Explain.