

Thurgood Marshall

Influential Educators in American History Project

 **LIVEWORKSHEETS**

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Objective

Teach and Talk about Thurgood Marshall, an important person who helped education for African Americans and what he had done for the American society and equality.



Warm-Up

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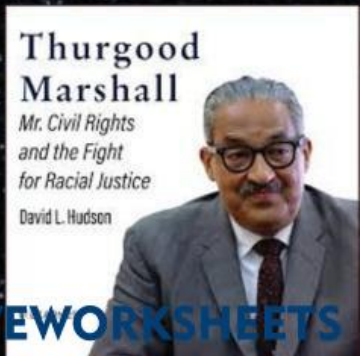
1. What do you know about Thurgood Marshall's Court Cases?
2. What did Thurgood Marshall do for African American Students?

1. Thurgood Marshall's court cases were intended mostly to dismantle state-sponsored segregation, end legal discrimination, and enforce equal protection under the 14th Amendment.

2. Thurgood Marshall revolutionized education for African American students by leading the legal battle that discriminated state-sponsored school segregation. As chief counsel for the NAACP, he strategically argued *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954), which established that separate, unequal schools were unconstitutional, paving the way for desegregation and providing equal access to public education.

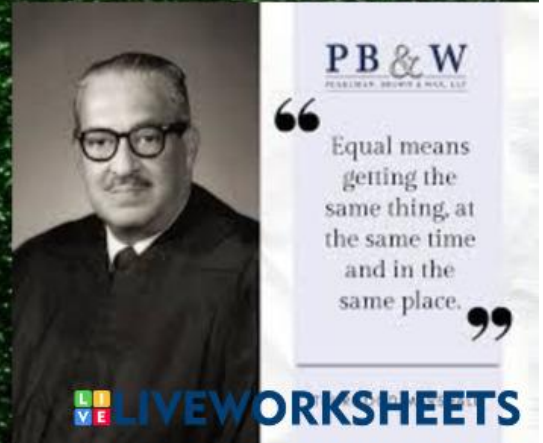
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Thurgood Marshall was a pioneering civil rights Lawyer and the first African American Justice to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Often referred to by the nickname "Mr. Civil Rights," he spent his career using the law to dismantle racial segregation and fight for equal justice.



What did Thurgood Marshall do?

Thurgood Marshall was the nation's leading civil rights lawyer before becoming the first Black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. His career was defined by using the legal system to dismantle systemic racism.



Court Cases

Thurgood Marshall was involved in dozens of high-profile cases, first as a legendary civil rights attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and later as a Supreme Court Justice. Thurgood Marshall argued 32 cases before the Supreme Court and won 29, focusing on dismantling “Jim Crow” segregation laws.

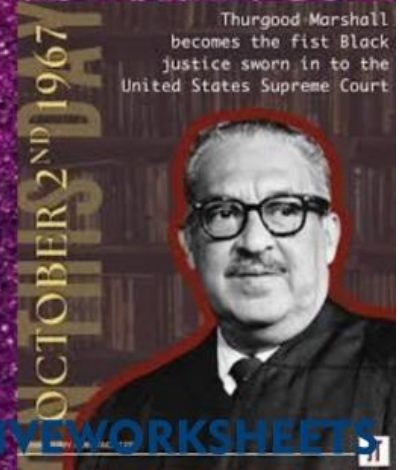
Some of Thurgood Marshall’s Cases were:

Murray v. Pearson (1935)

Smith v. Allwright (1944)

Morgan v. Virginia (1946)

Shelley v. Kraemer (1948)

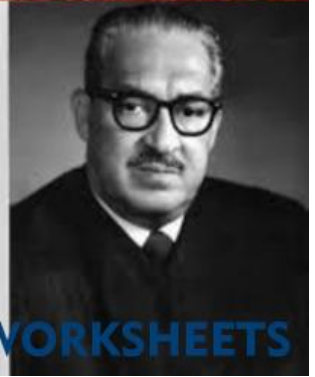


What were Jim Crow Laws?

Jim Crow laws were state and local statutes enacted primarily in the Southern and border states from the late 19th century until 1965 that legally mandated racial segregation. These laws enforced a “seperate but equal” doctrine, though in practice, facilities for Black Americans were almost always inferior and underfunded.

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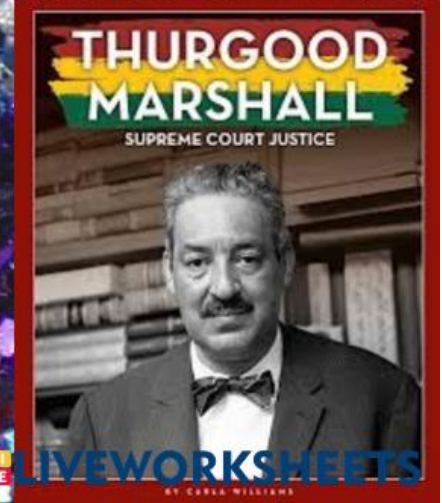
*“We will only attain
freedom if we learn to
appreciate what is
different and muster the
courage to discover what
is fundamentally the
same.”*



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Legacy

Thurgood Marshall's legacy is defined by his transformation of the American legal landscape as both the nation's premier civil rights attorney and its first African American Supreme Court Justice.



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Exit Ticket

1. What did you learn about Thurgood Marshall?
2. What did you find the most interesting about Thurgood Marshall?

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1. I learned that Thurgood Marshall was an Important Person in making desegregation happen.
2. I found the court cases the most interesting.

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