

The Civil Rights Struggle

**Understanding Vocabulary**

Fill in the blanks with vocabulary words from the section.

- segregation
- civil rights

1. Separating one group of people from another by race:

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2. Guaranteed rights of United States citizens:

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**UNDERSTANDING CONCEPTS**

① As you read Section 1, fill in the blanks in the following section outline.

**I. The Segregation System**

- A. Before 1950, \_\_\_\_\_, or the separation of African Americans and whites, was accepted in the United States, especially in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The issue that inflamed both segregationists and integrationists was \_\_\_\_\_, since cultural attitudes were learned in schools.

**II. The Challenge of the Courts**

- A. Before World War II, the \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine, which said that segregation was legal as long as African Americans and whites had equal accommodations or facilities, was accepted by most people.
- B. The Supreme Court case of \_\_\_\_\_ became the model to prove that school segregation was a national problem.
- C. On May 17, 1954, Chief Justice Earl Warren declared that segregation in public schools based on \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ and children of all races should be able to attend neighborhood schools.

**III. Resistance to *Brown***

- A. Resistance to integration was strongest in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Even President \_\_\_\_\_ tried in 1952 to be neutral toward desegregation and regretted his appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Supreme Court.

**IV. Crisis at Little Rock**

- A. After the governor of Arkansas removed the \_\_\_\_\_ from Central High School, chaos erupted.
- B. This caused the President to send \_\_\_\_\_ to protect the students for the rest of the school year.

② Write numbers to show the correct order of the events below.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Supreme Court outlawed segregation in public schools.
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Plessy v. Ferguson* established the separate but equal doctrine.
- \_\_\_\_\_ NAACP initiated court cases to challenge segregation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ President Eisenhower intervened to help desegregate schools in Little Rock, Arkansas.