



Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, 1954

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Historical Context

A third grade had to walk 6 blocks to take a bus to go to her black school one mile away. Whereas there was a white public school 7 blocks near her house.

Legal issue at stake in the case

May the XII amendment (prohibiting slavery), and the XIV amendment (to secure rights of the former slaves) be taken in consideration in this case?

Question(s) the Court has to answer

Is the separation between whites and blacks constitutional?

Does this separation mean segregation?

Is the segregation in public school authorized?

Supreme Court ruling

Based on the XIV amendment, the Court overruled the previous decisions of 1899 which validated the segregation in public schools.

Dissenters?

Any.

Political/Social aftermath and debates

This decision was a giant step to the civil right movement, even if it didn't stop the segregation (especially in public schools). The title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed after to abolish segregation. After this 1st d