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BECAUSE OF

CHARLOTTE E. RAY

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CHARLOTTE E. RAY**

A RAY OF LIGHT

Instructions: Read about Charlotte E. Ray's life and match the cause to the correct effect.



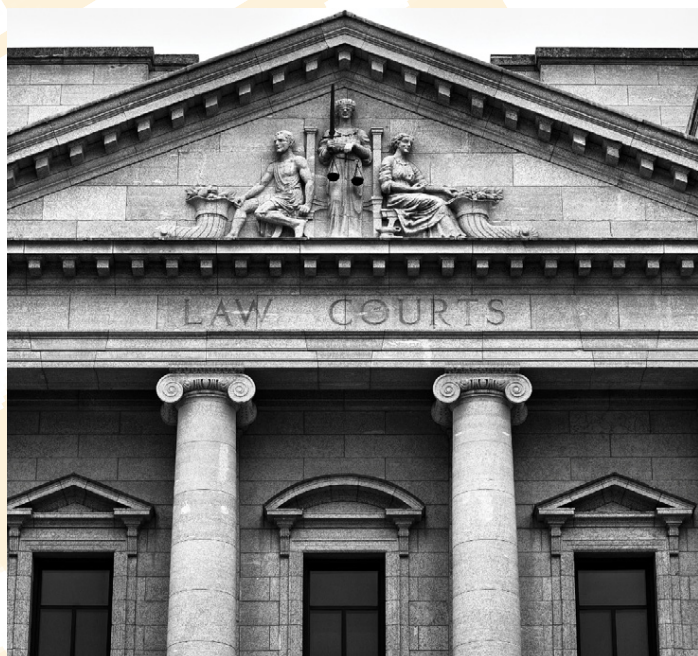
Charlotte E. Ray is known as the first African-American **lawyer** in the history of the United States! She was also the third woman of any race to earn a **law degree**, which she got from Howard University, and was the first woman to actually practice law or give **legal advice** to **clients**.

Imagine how hard it is to be the first at something. Even winning first place in a **competition** is hard but when you are the first person to do something, most times it is not an easy road. That was true for Charlotte E. Ray too!

She was born into a family of 7 kids on January 13, 1850. After the **Civil War** she started going to school, one of the few schools that girls could **attend**. A woman named Mrytilla Miller created the school because she was first a teacher at a different school that did not allow girls. Remember at that time women did not have many rights, like Black people, and had to face many challenges to get an education. After Charlotte finished school she started teaching but she really wanted to be a lawyer.



READ & RESPOND



To get into Howard she couldn't even use her real name because colleges were not wanting women to attend.

After she graduated, she made even more history because she was one of the first women that was able to take the **bar**. After she passed she opened her own law firm. She was a lawyer for a few years but many people did not

want a woman lawyer, especially a Black woman, so it was hard for her to keep business and she had to close. She worked as a teacher after that and was married later. She never had any children but she created a **legacy** that is so amazing now we have thousands of Black women that are lawyers.

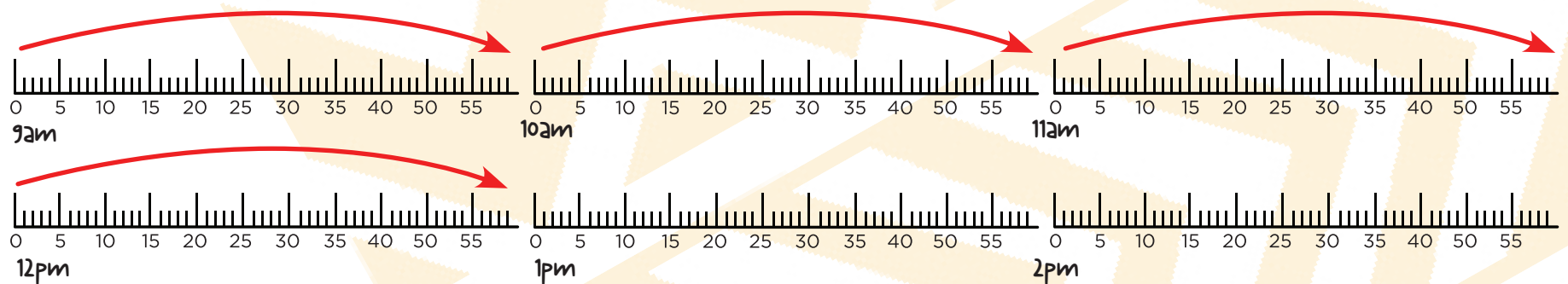


Cause	Effect
A) Mrytilla Miller taught at a school that didn't allow girls to attend.	1) Ray had to change her name to get into Howard
B) Colleges were not allowing women to attend.	2) Charlotte E. Ray attended the school that Mrytilla Miller created and was able to get an education.
C) She passed the bar and was able to open a law firm but as a Black woman it was hard for her to get clients.	3) She had to close the law firm and worked as a teacher.

CLOCKING

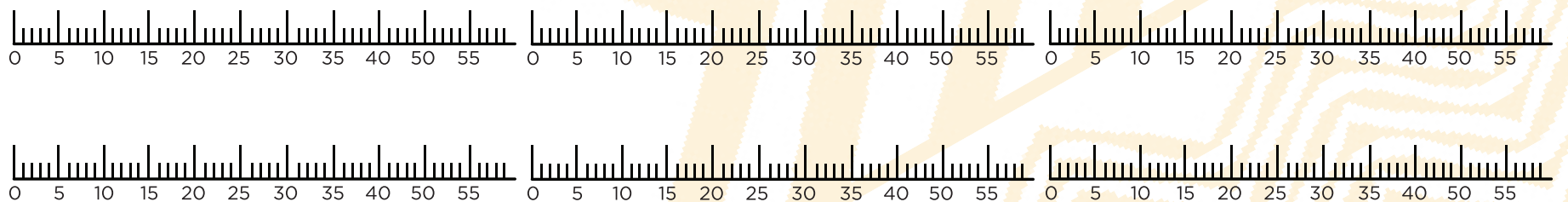
Instructions: Below you will read some of the things that a lawyer may experience in their work. Using the number line, figure out how long a task is taking or what time it was started or completed. See the example below to see how you use the number line.

Example: A team has a 4-hour meeting each week to make sure everyone knows the important information for a case. If the meeting starts at 9:00 am, what time does the meeting end?



The answer is 1PM.

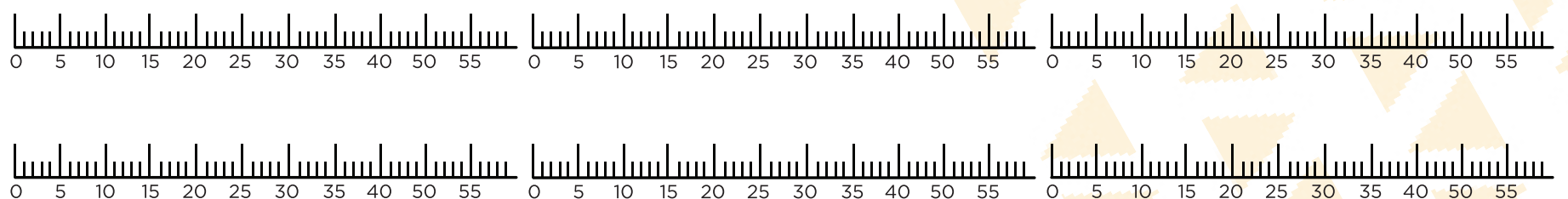
1) A lawyer starts their trial at 8:30 am and it finishes at 1:30 pm. How long did the trial last?



2) It takes a lawyer about 9 hours to prepare for her trial. If she starts at 6:00am, what time will she be finished?



3) There is a lot of paperwork that needs to happen for a lawyer to do their job. If court closes at 5:00pm and it will take 3 hours to finish the paperwork, what is the latest time that the lawyer can arrive?



JUST IN CASE

Instructions: Read the case and make a decision about whether the person on trial is innocent or guilty, based on the evidence presented.



STOLEN COOKIES

Josiah is accusing his little sister of eating his chocolate chip cookie. Choose the three best pieces of evidence and share why you chose those to win your case. When you have chosen, write an argument to convince the jury (their parents) that Josiah's sister ate his cookie.

Evidence #1	There are crumbs on the floor and there ain't any more chocolate chip cookies left.
Evidence #2	His little sister, Jayla, has chocolate on her hands.
Evidence #3	Jayla loves chocolate chip cookies
Evidence #4	Jayla was looking in the fridge about an hour before the cookie was gone.
Evidence #5	There are only 4 people in the house: Josiah, Jayla, and their parents.
Evidence #6	Jayla had a stomach ache, and she gets stomach aches when she eats too many sweets.



Like Charlotte E. Ray,
be determined to persevere.

