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BECAUSE OF
THURGOOD MARSHALL

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THURGOOD MARSHALL

THURGOOD FIGHTING FOR GOOD

Directions: Review the timeline below of important information and dates about the life of Thurgood Marshall, who was the first African American **Supreme Court Justice**, *the highest court in the U.S. He won 29 of the 31 cases he argued to the Supreme Court and was a key person that helped to end segregation. Once you have read through the timeline, answer the questions about his life, key details, and dates.*

1. Thurgood Marshall is born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 2 in 1908.

2. Thurgood Marshall graduates high school in 1925

3. He marries Vivian Burey in 1929.

4. He graduates from Lincoln University in Oxford, Pennsylvania with honors and applies to the University of Maryland Law School. However, he can not go because he is Black, so he attends Howard University in 1930.

Marshall in 1936

5. He graduates Howard as the top student in his class and moves back to Balitmore where he starts his own law practice in 1933.

6. After working with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), he argues a major court case against the University of Maryland Law School so an African American student could attend; he won this case in 1933.

7. He follows a person he looks up to and learns from, Charles Hamilton, to New York and gets the job of Chief Counsel for the NAACP.

8. He wins his first of 29 Supreme Court cases.

9. After winning several **Supreme Court** cases he goes on to win a huge case: Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, which stops legal **segregation**.

10. Wins 14 of the 19 cases he argues for the government in 1965.

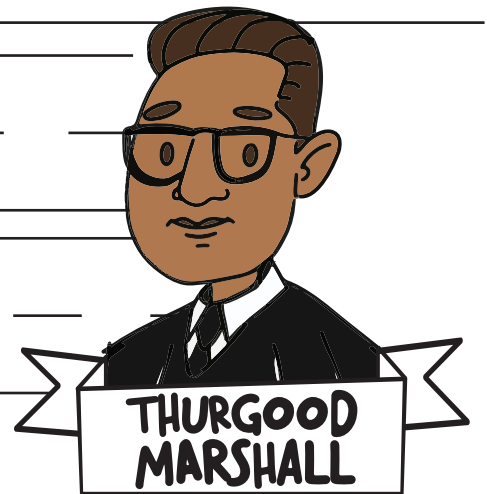11. Becomes first African American on the U.S. Supreme Court in 1967.

THURGOOD FIGHTING FOR GOOD

Directions: Now that you have seen a timeline of Thurgood Marshall's life, you will create a timeline of your own life. Use the questions below to help you think about important events or dates that you may include and use the example below to help you.

1. When and where was Thurgood Marshall born?

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2. Why did Thurgood Marshall end up going to Howard Law School?

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3. What was one accomplishment that Thurgood Marshall made?

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4. What led up to Thurgood Marshall joining the Supreme Court?

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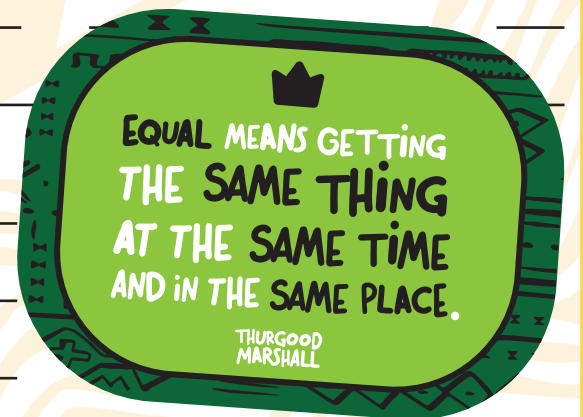
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A CASE OF THE COURTROOM

Now it's time to create a timeline of your own life! Use the questions below to help you think about important events or dates that you may include and use the example below to help you.

1. When were you born?

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2. Were there any times when you started to go to a new school?

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3. Do you have any siblings?

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> **EQUAL MEANS GETTING THE SAME THING AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME PLACE.**
> THURGOOD MARSHALL

4. What are some things that you have done that you feel really proud about?

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5. What are some things that will always be in your memory?

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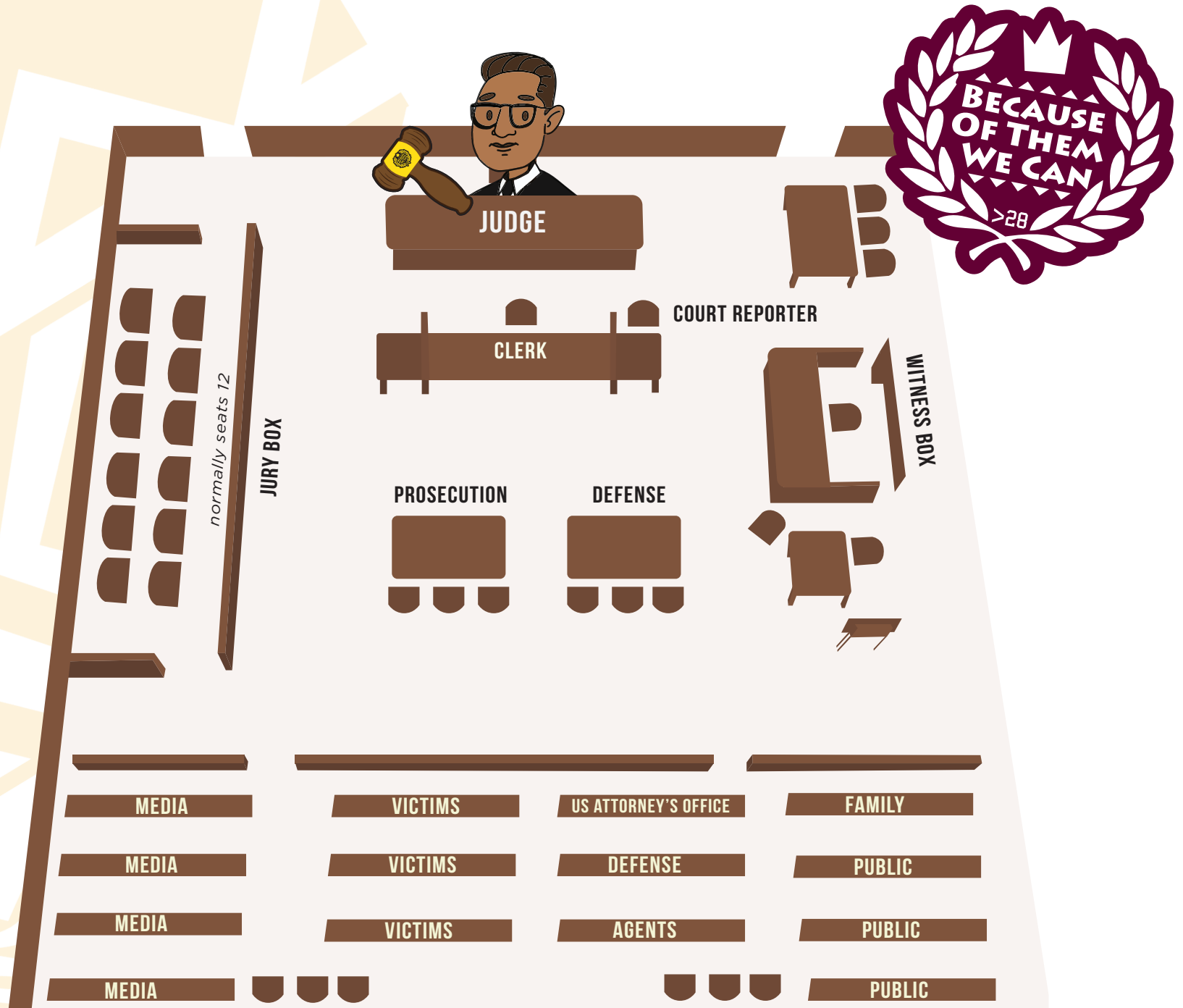___   ___   ___   ___   ___   ___   ___   ___   ___   ___   ___

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COUNTING IN THE COURTROOM

Look at the image of the courtroom below. This shows a layout of a courtroom. Use the length and width to find the perimeter of each of the sections in the courtroom.

Perimeter = Length + Width + Length + Width

Example: A table is 15 ft long and 10 feet wide.

Perimeter: 15 + 10 + 15 + 10 = 50 ft

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JUDGE

COURT REPORTER

CLERK

normally seats 12

JURY BOX

WITNESS BOX

PROSECUTION

DEFENSE

MEDIA	VICTIMS	US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	FAMILY
MEDIA	VICTIMS	DEFENSE	PUBLIC
MEDIA	VICTIMS	AGENTS	PUBLIC
MEDIA			PUBLIC

GLOSSARY

Supreme Court - the highest court of law in a country or U.S. state

Supreme Court Justice - One of nine attorneys that are on the highest court and make final decisions for other cases

Segregation - the practice or policy of keeping people of different races, religions, etc., separate from each other

COUNTING IN THE COURTROOM

Use the length and width to find the perimeter of each of the sections in the courtroom.

1. What is the perimeter of the judge's desk if the length is 36 inches and the width is 24 inches?

2. What is the perimeter of the jury's box if the length is 32 ft and the width is 36 ft?

3. What is the perimeter of the gallery (the place where the media, family, public, and victims sit) if the length is 40 ft and the width is 38 ft?

4. Which has the greater perimeter – the jury box or the gallery?

A MAN CAN MAKE WHAT HE WANTS OF HIMSELF. IF HE TRULY BELIEVES THAT HE MUST BE READY FOR HARD WORK AND MANY HEARTBREAKS.

ANSWERS, KEY : (1) 120 in (2) 136 ft (3) 156 ft (4) The gallery