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OF THEM
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JUST FOR KIDS

BECAUSE OF THURGOOD MARSHALL

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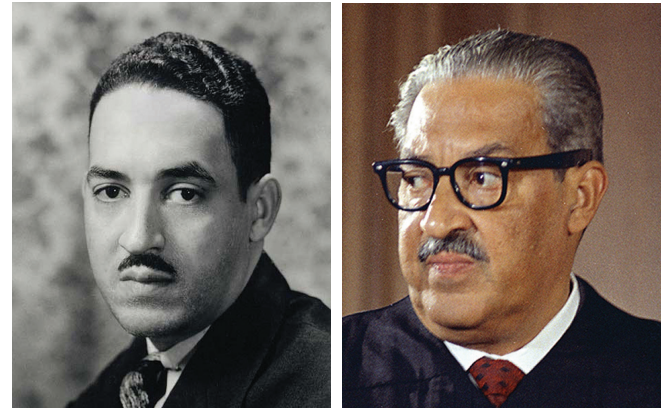
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THURGOOD MARSHALL



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 (by that time he had already read all of the Constitution - because he was sent to read it when he got into trouble.)
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 is **denied** 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 (**valedictorian**) and moves back to Baltimore where he starts his own law practice in 1933.
6. After working with the NAACP, he argues a major court case against the University of Maryland Law School so an African American student could attend - he wins this case in 1933.
7. He follows his **mentor** Charles Hamilton to New York and is **appointed** the Chief Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).
8. He wins his first of 29 Supreme Court cases and is named the first Director-Counsel of NAACP Legal Defense Fund in 1940.
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. Appointed circuit judge and makes 112 rulings, all of them later upheld by Supreme Court 1961-1965.
11. Appointed U.S. Solicitor General by President Lyndon Johnson; wins 14 of the 19 cases he argues for the government in 1965
12. Becomes first African American **elevated** to U.S. Supreme Court in 1967.



READ & RESPOND

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.



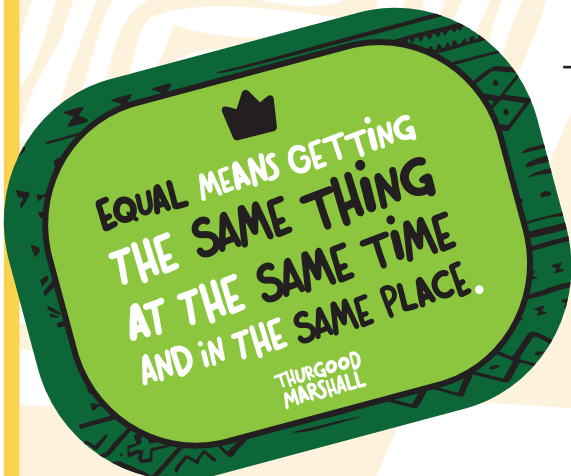
1. When and where was Thurgood Marshall born?

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

3. What was one accomplishment that Thurgood Marshall made?



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



ANSWERS KEY: (1) 1908 in Baltimore (2) Because he could not get into the University of Maryland Law School because of his race (3) Many answers (4) He won many cases, including several Supreme Court cases

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 area of each of the sections in the courtroom.

Area = Length x Width

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

Area: 15 x 10 = 150 ft wide



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 area of the judge's desk if the length is 36 inches, and the width is 24 inches?

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

3. What is the area 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 a greater area, 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) 864 in (2) 1,152 ft (3) 1,520 ft (4) The gallery

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

Denied - to refuse to give (something) to someone : to prevent someone from having or receiving (something)

Valedictorian - the student who has the highest grades in a graduating class and who gives a speech at graduation ceremonies

Mentor - someone who teaches or gives help and advice to a less experienced and often younger person

Appointed - to choose (someone) to have a particular job : to give (someone) a position or duty

Segregation - the separation or isolation of a race, class, or ethnic group.

Elevated - to raise (someone) to a higher rank or level

A CASE OF THE COURTROOM



Directions: Read the mock trial cases using the QR code on the right, and choose one to answer about. Once you have read it, answer the questions and decide who wins that case in the trial. As you read, use the graphic organizer below to take notes.



FACTS	OPINIONS ABOUT THE FACTS	QUESTIONS



TAKE THE PLEDGE

I WILL HONOR
THE SACRIFICES OF
MY ANCESTORS.

I WILL BELIEVE
IN ME.

I WILL PURSUE
MY DREAMS.

I WILL HELP
OTHERS ALONG
THE WAY.