

Base your answers to questions 1 through 4 on the photograph below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Was Separate Equal?



In 1954, segregation was legal if the facilities provided to blacks and whites were equal. This one-room North Carolina schoolhouse (for seven classes) contains a “library,” “running water,” and “central heating.” See if you can find those things in the picture.

Source: Joy Hakim, *All the People*, Oxford University Press (adapted)

“The Negro child is made to go to an inferior school; he is branded in his own mind as inferior . . . You can teach such a child the Constitution, anthropology, and citizenship, but he knows it isn’t true.”

Source: Thurgood Marshall, concluding remarks, *Briggs v. Elliot*

1 Thurgood Marshall’s quote refers to Negro children attending inferior schools. Based on the photograph, list **one** condition that would qualify this school as inferior.

2 Why did children attend such schools?

3 According to Thurgood Marshall, how did attending these schools affect children?

4 Why is it so important that children receive a good education?
