

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?

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

By 1940, per pupil spending throughout many states with segregated schools was discernibly unequal:

State	White	Black
Alabama	\$34.25	\$12.20
Arkansas	\$23.93	\$11.17
Florida	\$51.96	\$23.09
Georgia	\$40.50	\$13.92
Louisiana	\$51.78	\$14.93
Mississippi	\$31.33	\$6.64
North Carolina	\$34.63	\$23.60
South Carolina	\$42.00	\$13.81
Texas	\$53.09	\$29.36
Nine-state average	\$40.39	\$16.52

In 1954, 17 of 48 states had laws that required racial segregation.

Source: National Education Association, <http://www.nea.org/brownvboard/index2.html>

1 By 1940, how much money was spent to educate a white student in Mississippi?

2 In which state was the amount of money spent on the education of black and white students closest to being equal?

3 From the information provided in the document, describe the trend of per pupil spending in states with segregated schools?

4 Does the amount of money spent per pupil affect that student's education? _____

Explain you answer.
