

# SEPARATE IS NOT EQUAL

## BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION

### The Past 50 Years: Achieving Equality

The battle for equal opportunity in America—in education or in other areas—did not end on May 17, 1954. Below is a list of possible research topics on Civil Rights and education issues in the past 50 years that have been influenced by the *Brown v. Board* decision.

After choosing and researching a topic, you must develop a means of presenting it to your peers and your community. Possible forms of presentation include a poster, a video or audio recording, the development of a web site, an essay, or a creative writing piece. Be sure to consider, among other questions, the following:

*In what ways does this issue relate to the ideas that were contested in Brown v. Board?*

*Be sure to consider both legal and cultural/social issues.*

*How was the issue finally decided? Was it in keeping with Brown or was it a turning away from it? What does this reveal about American culture? If the issue is still being debated, what are the various opinions? What is your opinion?*

### Other Civil Rights and Education Issues and Events:

- Massive Resistance to School Integration in Virginia, 1956
- The Montgomery Bus Boycott, 1956
- The Integration of Little Rock High School, 1957
- Sit-in at the Greensboro, N.C., Woolworth's lunch counter, 1960
- Ruby Bridges attends school in New Orleans, La., 1960
- James Meredith attends the University of Mississippi, 1962
- Sit-in in Jackson, Miss., 1963
- Martin Luther King's march on Washington, D.C., 1963
- The Boston busing crisis, 1974
- Unequal segregation of children in other countries
- School vouchers
- Bilingual/multicultural education
- The problem of resegregation in the past 20 years
- Affirmative Action: *Gratz v. Bolinger* and *Grutter v. Bolinger*, 2003

**Add your ideas to this list. Consider other events, issues, and groups.**

**Other groups seeking equality:**