

Student Worksheet #1: Understanding Courage and Cooperation - Esther Brown (2 pages)

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PART #1: KEY IDEAS

Segregation

In the past, many schools separated students based on race. Black students and white students were not allowed to attend the same schools.

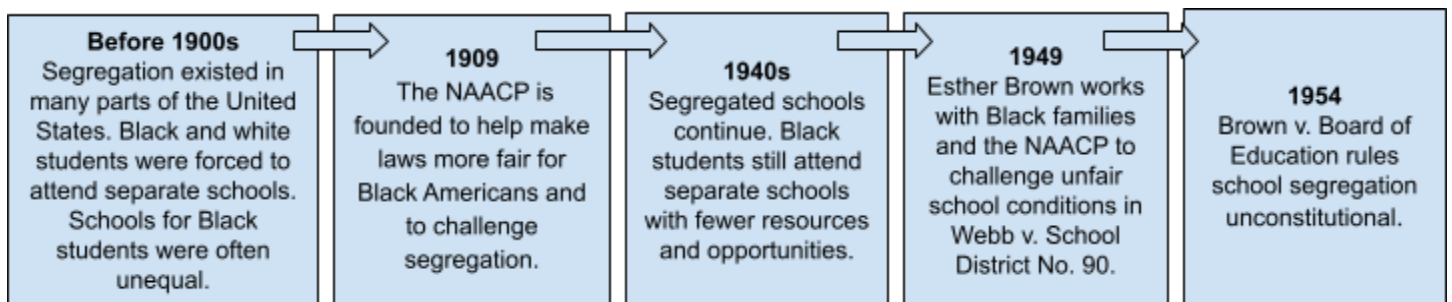
Unfair Conditions

Schools for Black students often had fewer resources, older buildings, and fewer opportunities.

The NAACP

The NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is an organization created to help make laws more fair for Black Americans and to challenge discrimination.

HOW CHANGE HAPPENED (TIMELINE)



PART #2: For questions 1-6, refer to the last paragraph of: [Webb v. School District No. 90 \(1949\)](#) (Printed for each student or digital copy)

1. *Webb versus School District Number 90 (1949)* was the court case that took place because of the work that Esther Brown and the NAACP did to help the Black students in her district. Read the last paragraph of the court's decision. What was unfair? What problem did the court try to solve? Explain.

2. What decision did the court make to ensure an equal education for all students

3. In what ways did local cases like *Webb v. School District No. 90* contribute to the evidence and legal groundwork that made *Brown v. Board of Education* possible?

4. Do all countries self-reflect to ensure their laws treat citizens equally? The U.S. revises laws to ensure equality. What does this say about the U.S. and the benefit of living in a free democracy?

5. What actions did Esther Brown take to help others? Why were these actions important?

6. How does helping people from different ethnicities make society better?
