

Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka / Vocabulary •

As you read the background summary of the *Brown* case, look for the **important vocabulary terms**. When you come to one of those terms, look at this page for its definition. Then, check to see if you understand the definition by either sketching a picture of what you think it means, or by putting it in your own words.

1. to appeal (appealed)

Define: to formally request that a lower court decision be examined and reconsidered by a higher court

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

2. district court

Define: a U.S. federal trial level court that serves a judicial district.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

3. **facility (facilities)**

Define: a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

4. **legal (illegal)**

Define: permitted by law.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

5. **precedent**

Define: a court decision on a legal question that guides future cases with similar questions.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

6. **to segregate (segregation)**

Define: to separate people of different races, classes, or ethnic groups, as in schools, housing, and public or commercial facilities, especially as a form of discrimination

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

7. **to sue (sued)**

Define: used the legal process to force a person, company, organization, or government to give you something or do something.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing: