## A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE & CIVIL RIGHTS HERO



- Thurgood Marshall grew up when the rights of African Americans were limited. Because of **segregation**, African Americans were kept apart from other Americans in many public places.
- Marshall studied to become a lawyer, so he could use the law as a tool to help protect civil rights (basic freedoms that all citizens have). He worked hard for justice (fair treatment under the law) for many African Americans.
- Thurgood became a lawyer for the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). In addition, he took on Donald Murray's Supreme Court case, which won the right for African Americans to attend universities. In 1951, he also won the Brown v. Board of Education case, which ended segregation in the schools.
- President Lyndon B. Johnson chose Marshall to serve as judge on the Supreme Court, making him the first African-American Supreme Court Justice.

In addition, be prepared to:

- Refer to a simple timeline of Thurgood Marshall's life using the facts and dates that will be provided.
- Choose and explain evidence of one character trait that Thurgood Marshall showed cocperation, diligence, courage, or leadership.



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