

SUPREME COURT CASES

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3. Sweatt v. Painter 1950
4. McLaurin v. Oklahoma State regents for Higher Education 1950
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Complete the Chart

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Questions:

1. Did the Dred Scott decision and the Emancipation Proclamation do that much to further the cause of freedom for blacks? Why or why not?

2. What was the Supreme Court's rationale for its Plessy v. Ferguson decision? What impact do you think the decision had on the North? The South?

3. How did earlier Supreme Court cases argued by the NAACP help build the framework for the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision?

4. Why do you think the Supreme Court ruled so differently in *Brown* than in *Plessy v. Ferguson*?

5. Would you have implemented a quicker timeline for desegregation than what was announced in “*Brown II*”? Why or why not?

6. Do you think the Swann and Bakke decisions strengthened or weakened the Civil Rights Movement's goal of equal opportunity? Explain