Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka / Newspaper Analysis



Access the primary source document from the New York Times at https://timesmachine.nytimes.com/timesmachine/1957/09/24/issue.html.

Before reading the articles, answer the following questions about the front page.

1. Inspect front page of the newspaper, what information can you gather from it right off the bat?

2. When was this newspaper published? Why is the date significant?

Read the article entitled "Students Unhurt: Return Today Unlikely—City Authorities Yield to Crowds" and answer the following questions, referencing the source as needed.

3. Summarize the news story "Students Unhurt."

4. Why do you think this event is significant in the history of desegregation?

Read the article entitled "Eisenhower Irate: Says Federal Orders 'Cannot be Flouted with Impunity" and "President's Statements," and answer the following questions, referencing the sources as needed.

- 5. What was President Eisenhower's reaction to the events in Little Rock?
- 6. What presidential powers can be used to enforce Supreme Court decisions?
- 7. In Federalist #78, Alexander Hamilton wrote that the judicial branch is the "least dangerous branch" of government. Based on this article, would you agree? Why or why not?

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