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resulting in a landmark victory For desegregation in 1935. Thurgood's reputation as a skilled lawyer and advocate For equal rights grew, leading to his appointment as chief counsel For the NAACP in 1936. Traveling across the country, he defended wrongly accused African Americans and Fought against segregation and Jim Crow laws, earning him the nickname "Mr. Civil Rights."

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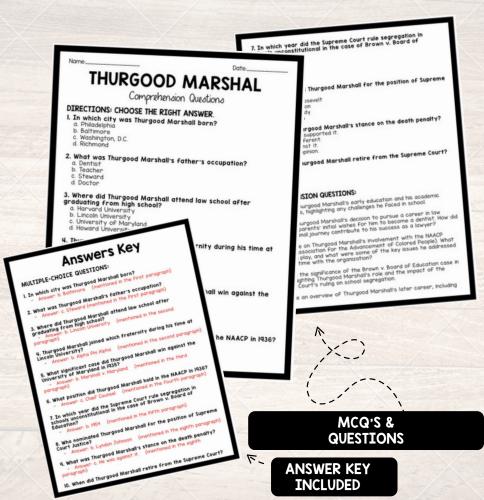
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In 1961, Marshall was appointed as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals by President Vorited States courr or Appeals by President John F. Kennedy, serving until 1965. Following this, he became the United States Solicitor General, ne became the United States admittor Veneral representing the Federal government before the Supreme Court. Marshall's stance against the death penalty was rooted in his belief that it was unnecessary for justice.



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