

Black History

THURGOOD MARSHAL



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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Prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court, Marshall was best known for his work as a lawyer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where he played a key role in several landmark civil rights cases. He graduated from Lincoln University and Howard University School of Law. He joined the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in 1956, where he became the chief legal counsel, and where he argued 32 cases before the Supreme Court, winning 21 of them. One of his most notable cases was *Brown v. Board of Education*, where he successfully argued that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. This landmark case helped to end legal segregation in the United States and was a major victory for the Civil Rights Movement.

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- A) ACLU (American
 - B) NAACP (National
 - C) SPLC (Southern F
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After his retirement from the Supreme Court in 1991, Marshall continued to be active in the legal community and remained a vocal advocate for civil rights until his death in 1993. He is remembered as a trailblazer and a hero of the Civil Rights Movement, as well as a brilliant and dedicated judge who worked tirelessly to uphold the principle of equal justice under the law. He was an inspiration for many young lawyers and activists, and his legacy continues to influence legal thinking and judicial decisions to this day.

In 1961, Thurgood Marshall was appointed as a judge for the Second Circuit Court of Appeals by President John F. Kennedy. And in 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated him as the first African American Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. He served as a justice for 24 years and was widely known for his strong commitment to civil rights and liberties, as well as his judicial philosophy of interpreting the Constitution in a way that protected the rights of marginalized and disadvantaged groups.

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- What was Thurgood Marshall's role in the NAACP before his appointment to the Supreme Court?
 - A) Chief Justice
 - B) Chief Legal Counsel
 - C) Communications Director
 - D) Chief Financial Officer
- How many cases did Thurgood Marshall argue before the Supreme Court during his time at the NAACP, and how many did he win?

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ANSWERS

- In which city was Thurgood Marshall born?
- Answer: C) Baltimore
- What landmark case did Thurgood Marshall lead segregation in the United States?
- Answer: A) Brown v. Board of Education
- When did Thurgood Marshall serve as a justice?
- Answer: C) 1967 to 1991
- Which president appointed Thurgood Marshall as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court?
- Answer: B) Lyndon B. Johnson
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- Which president appointed Thurgood Marshall as a justice on the United States Supreme Court?
- Answer: C) John F. Kennedy
- What was Thurgood Marshall's judicial philosophy regarding segregation?
- Answer: B) Judicial activism
- How many cases did Thurgood Marshall argue before the Supreme Court in 1991, and how many did he win?
- Answer: C) Legal community and civil rights advocacy

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 - D) Jimmy Carter
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 - C) SPLC (Southern Poverty Law Center)
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 - A) Lincoln
 - B) Washington D.C.
 - C) Baltimore
 - D) New York
- What landmark case did Thurgood Marshall successfully argue, leading to the end of legal segregation in the United States?
 - A) Brown v. Board of Education
 - B) Roe v. Wade
 - C) Miranda v. Arizona
 - D) Plessy v. Ferguson
- When did Thurgood Marshall serve as a justice on the United States Supreme Court?
 - A) 1920 to 1945
 - B) 1955 to 1966
 - C) 1967 to 1991
 - D) 1992 to 2000

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 - B) Director
 - C) Chief Legal Officer
 - D) President
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 - A) 10 cases, won 5
 - B) 20 cases, won 21
 - C) 10 cases, won 10
 - D) 20 cases, won 20
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 - A) Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - B) Franklin D. Roosevelt
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 - A) Originalism
 - B) Judicial activism
 - C) Legalism
 - D) Formalism
- After retiring from the Supreme Court in 1991, what did Thurgood Marshall continue to be active in until his death in 1993?
 - A) Entertainment industry
 - B) Sports coaching
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