

In *Separate is Never Equal*, Duncan Tonathuih describes the fight for school integration in the 1940s here in Southern California. He documents the actual court case of *Medez v. Westminster School District* which preceded the groundbreaking case of *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954. In a 2 page (500 word essay, double spaced, Times New Roman font), please make an argument about why this book is essential to our understanding about desegregation in schools.

Questions and themes to consider in order to help you come up with your own argument (you can use some of these to build your own argument about segregation in the schools, but if you use all of them, you might need to write a much longer paper):

1. Latino stereotypes. (What stereotypes were used to keep Latinos or brown children separated from white children)?
2. Why is segregation wrong?
3. Difference in learning/education in the White school versus the Brown school?
4. Racial Prejudice
5. Did de-segregation work or are we still fighting this battle?

This should be a 5 paragraph essay and should follow the same structure as your analysis paper:

--Thesis paragraph (except this time you are coming up with your own argument/thesis/supporting arguments)

--3 body paragraphs that follow this structure:

- Topic sentence that presents the argument of the paragraph
- 2-3 sentences developing the argument
- Introduction of the quote and provision of the quote
- Analysis of the quote (When analyzing the quote, also look at the corresponding pictures. Do the pictures back up the quote or contradict it and why? For example if the quote says that all Mexicans are dirty and inferior in dress, look at the picture: do the pictures show the Mexican kids to be unclean? Why is there this discrepancy?)

--Concluding paragraph: Have schools properly desegregated or does segregation still exist? How can we solve/fix this problem now?

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