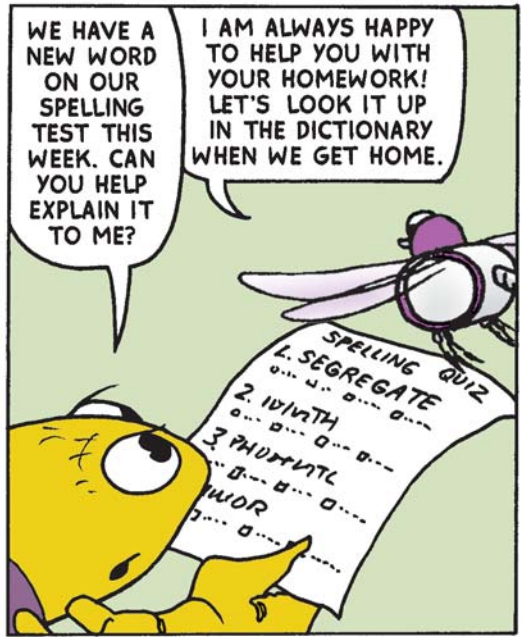




THANKS FOR MEETING ME AFTER SCHOOL, DRAGONFLY AND WALKING ME HOME!

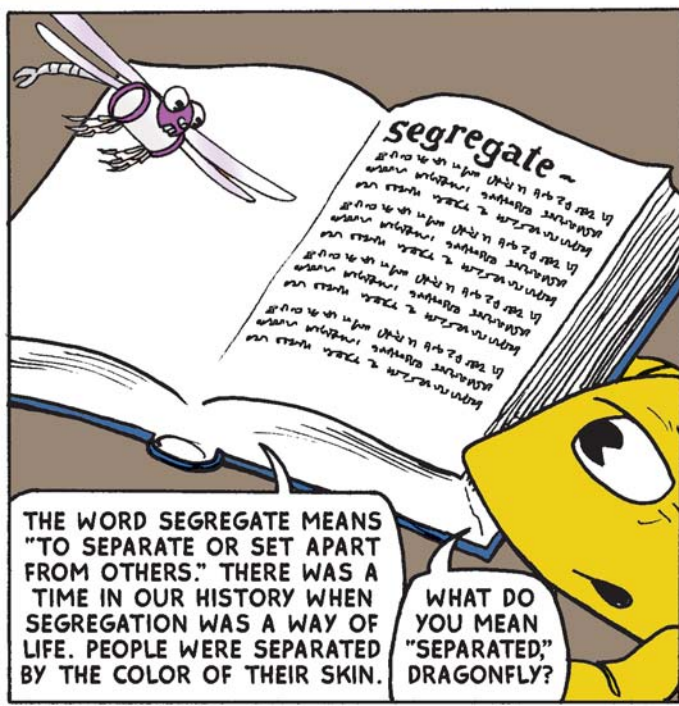
I'M GLAD TO DO IT, SCORPY. NOT ONLY DOES IT HELP ME GET SOME EXERCISE, I ALSO GET TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOU!



WE HAVE A NEW WORD ON OUR SPELLING TEST THIS WEEK. CAN YOU HELP EXPLAIN IT TO ME?

I AM ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR HOMEWORK! LET'S LOOK IT UP IN THE DICTIONARY WHEN WE GET HOME.

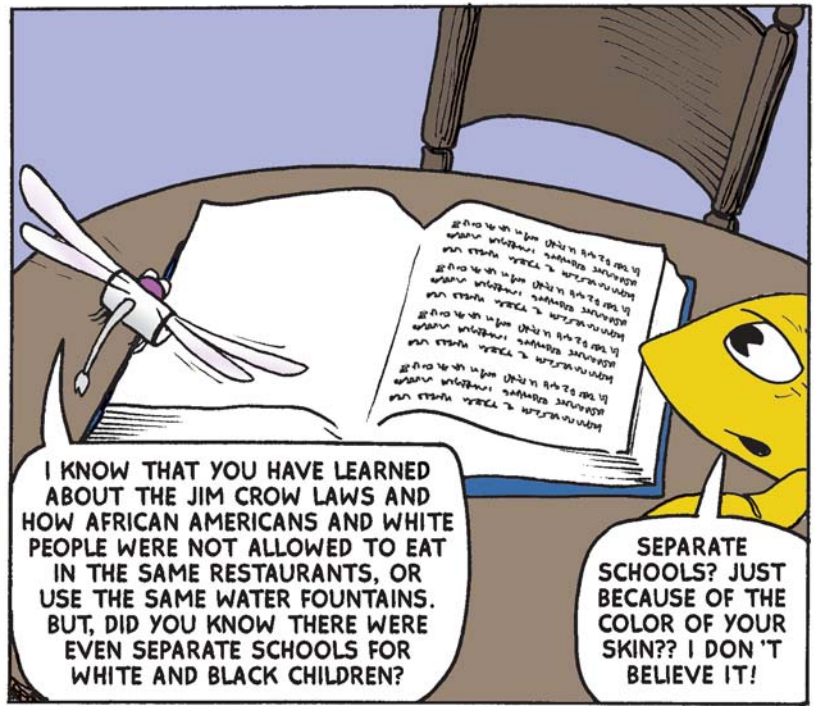
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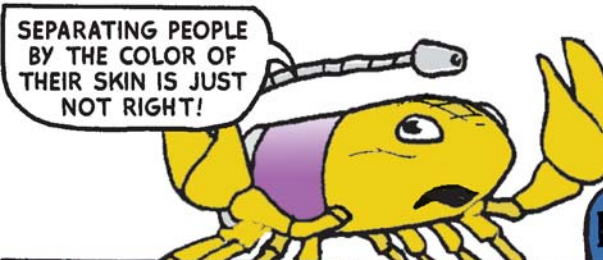
THE WORD SEGREGATE MEANS "TO SEPARATE OR SET APART FROM OTHERS." THERE WAS A TIME IN OUR HISTORY WHEN SEGREGATION WAS A WAY OF LIFE. PEOPLE WERE SEPARATED BY THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "SEPARATED," DRAGONFLY?

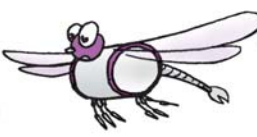


I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THE JIM CROW LAWS AND HOW AFRICAN AMERICANS AND WHITE PEOPLE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO EAT IN THE SAME RESTAURANTS, OR USE THE SAME WATER FOUNTAINS. BUT, DID YOU KNOW THERE WERE EVEN SEPARATE SCHOOLS FOR WHITE AND BLACK CHILDREN?

SEPARATE SCHOOLS? JUST BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF YOUR SKIN?? I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

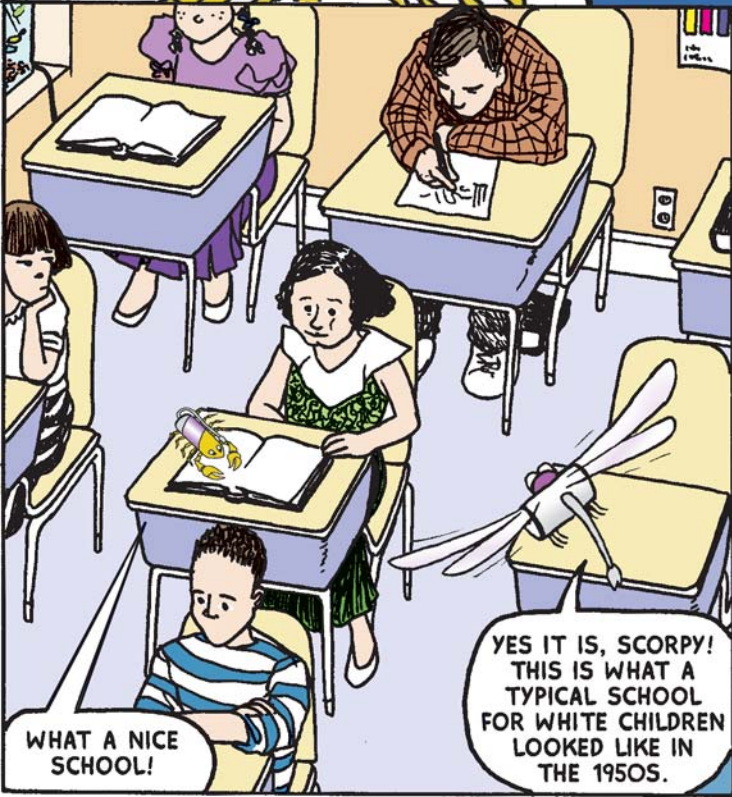


SEPARATING PEOPLE BY THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN IS JUST NOT RIGHT!



I AGREE SCORPY, BUT IT WAS DONE AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW HOW AND WHEN IT ENDED! LET'S GO BACK TO THE 1950S TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE.

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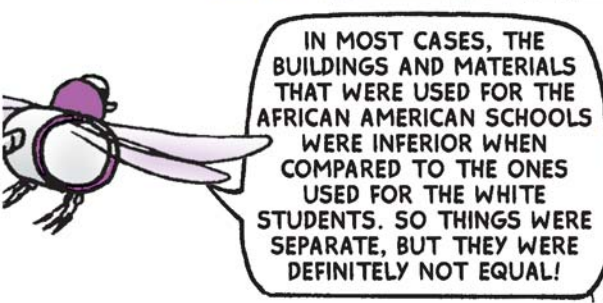
WHAT A NICE SCHOOL!

YES IT IS, SCORPY! THIS IS WHAT A TYPICAL SCHOOL FOR WHITE CHILDREN LOOKED LIKE IN THE 1950S.

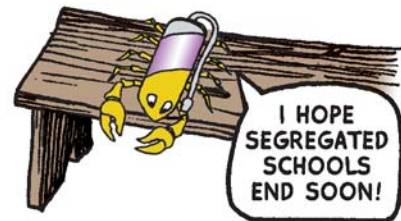
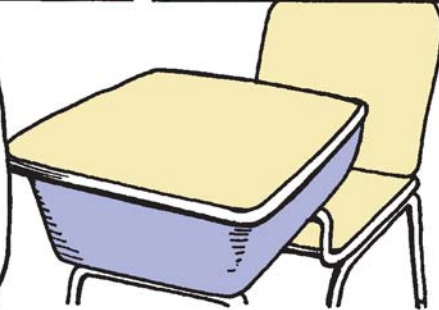


WHO COULD EVER LEARN HERE? THIS PLACE LOOKS TERRIBLE!

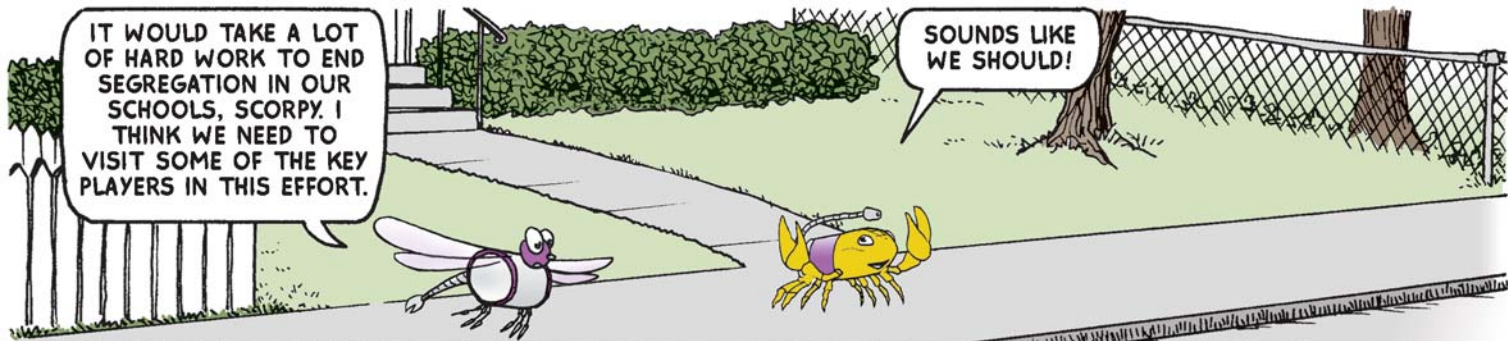
YES IT DOES, SCORPY! SEGREGATED SCHOOLS WERE MEANT TO BE SEPARATE BUT EQUAL. HOWEVER, AS YOU CAN SEE, IT DID NOT TURN OUT THAT WAY!



IN MOST CASES, THE BUILDINGS AND MATERIALS THAT WERE USED FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SCHOOLS WERE INFERIOR WHEN COMPARED TO THE ONES USED FOR THE WHITE STUDENTS. SO THINGS WERE SEPARATE, BUT THEY WERE DEFINITELY NOT EQUAL!




I HOPE SEGREGATED SCHOOLS END SOON!



IT WOULD TAKE A LOT OF HARD WORK TO END SEGREGATION IN OUR SCHOOLS, SCORPY. I THINK WE NEED TO VISIT SOME OF THE KEY PLAYERS IN THIS EFFORT.

SOUNDS LIKE WE SHOULD!



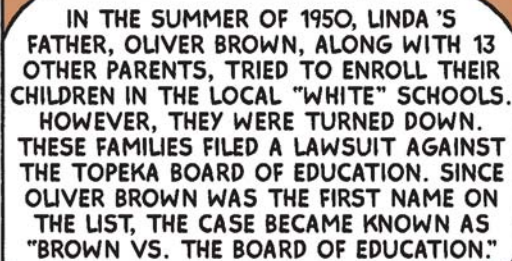
WHO IS THAT GIRL? SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE COULD BE IN MY GRADE.

HER NAME IS LINDA BROWN, AND SHE WAS A THIRD GRADER IN TOPEKA, KANSAS IN 1950! SHE IS CREDITED WITH HELPING TO STOP THE SEGREGATION OF SCHOOLS IN AMERICA.



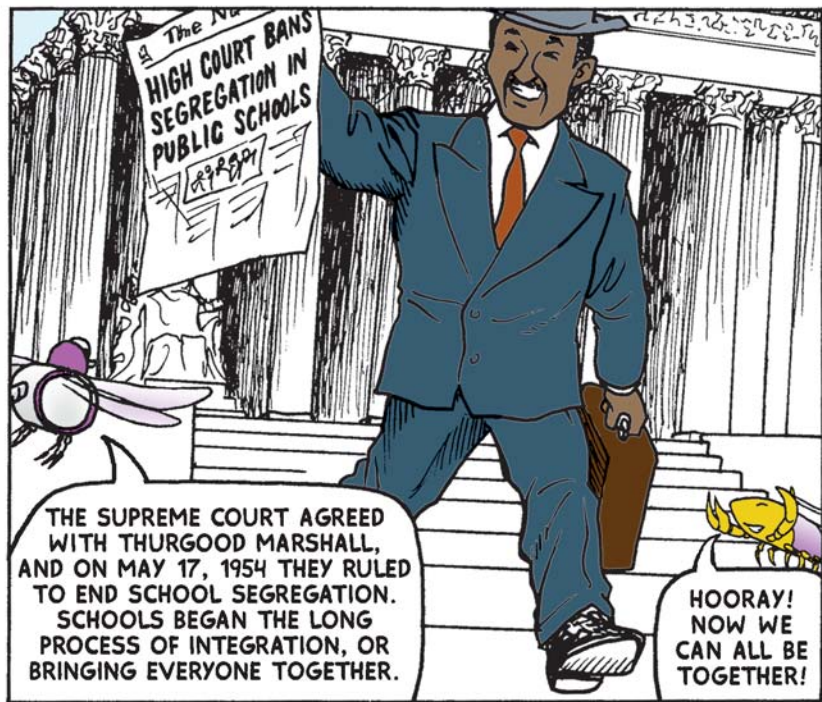
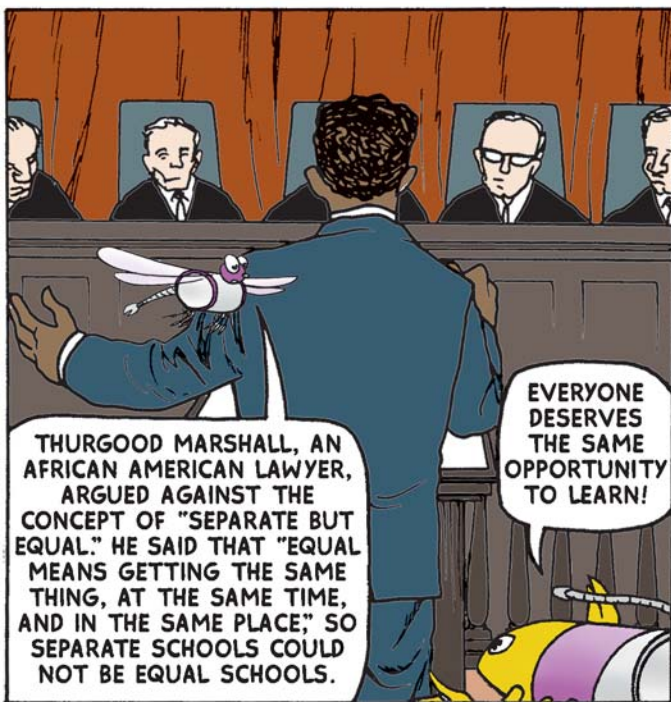
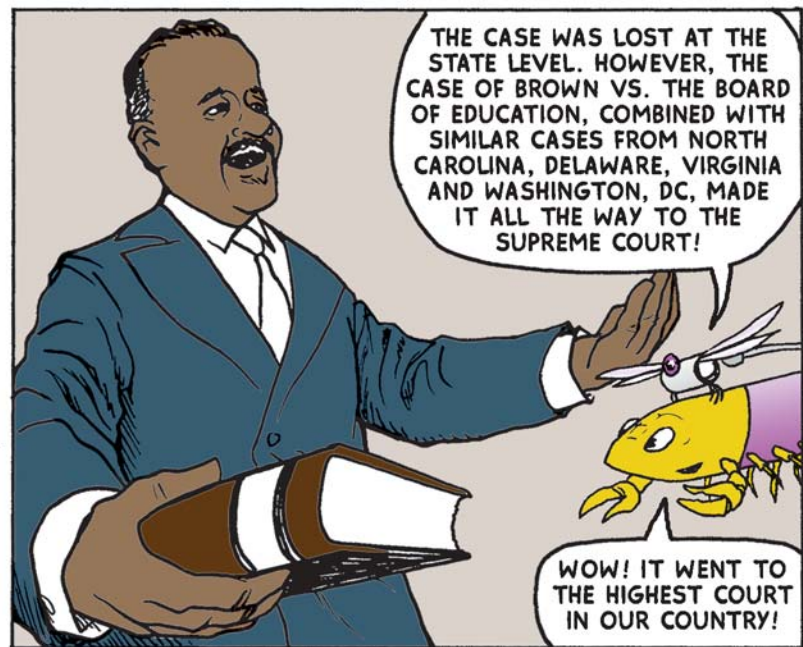
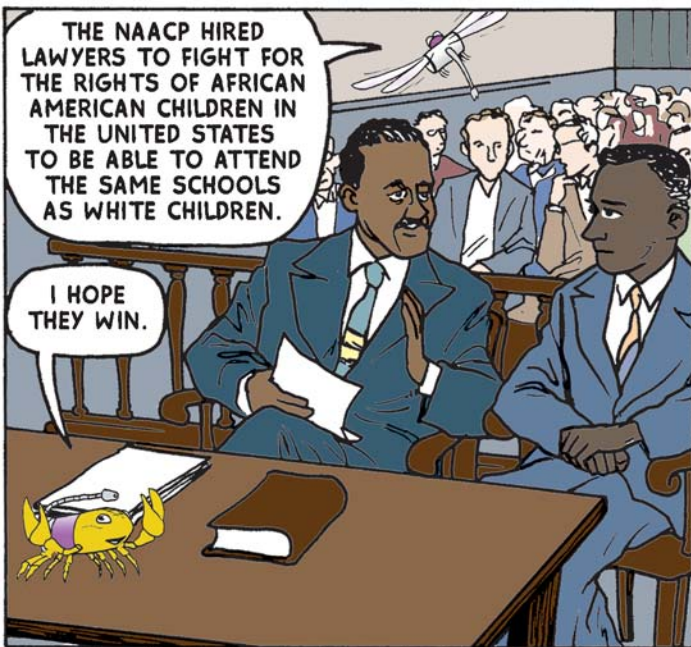
LINDA'S FATHER WANTED HIS DAUGHTER TO ATTEND THE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, WHICH WAS CLOSER TO HER HOME, BUT THAT SCHOOL WAS ONLY FOR WHITE CHILDREN.

IN THIRD GRADE? HOW DID SHE DO THAT?



IN THE SUMMER OF 1950, LINDA'S FATHER, OLIVER BROWN, ALONG WITH 13 OTHER PARENTS, TRIED TO ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN IN THE LOCAL "WHITE" SCHOOLS. HOWEVER, THEY WERE TURNED DOWN. THESE FAMILIES FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE TOPEKA BOARD OF EDUCATION. SINCE OLIVER BROWN WAS THE FIRST NAME ON THE LIST, THE CASE BECAME KNOWN AS "BROWN VS. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION."

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW THIS CASE ENDS.

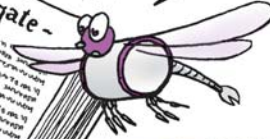


I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT ONE WORD COULD HAVE SUCH A BIG MEANING!



THAT'S TRUE, SCORPY! THE WORD "SEGREGATE" KEPT A LOT OF PEOPLE APART!

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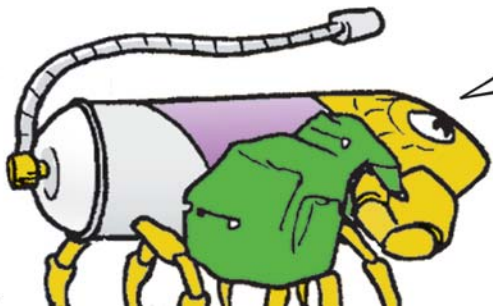
THURGOOD MARSHALL AND LINDA BROWN ARE JUST TWO OF THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE THAT HELPED GAIN EQUALITY FOR ALL AFRICAN AMERICANS!



I'M GLAD WE HAD SUCH LEADERS . . . THE WORK THEY DID TO HELP AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN GET A BETTER EDUCATION HELPS US ALL!



I THINK IT'S JUST AS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE MEANING OF WORDS AS IT IS TO KNOW HOW TO SPELL THEM! I'M GLAD YOU TOLD ME ABOUT "SEGREGATION," DRAGONFLY!



YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT, SCORPY! IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW ABOUT OUR PAST SO THAT WE CAN LOOK TO THE FUTURE!

