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Thurgood Marshall
(1908- 1993)

Thurgood Marshall is one of the most-well known individuals in the history of the civil rights movement in America. He was born on July 2, 1908 in Baltimore, Maryland to a dining room steward and a school teacher. He was not born to wealthy parents. His education began in the public schools in Baltimore and he attended college at Lincoln University. After graduation from college , he entered Howard University Law School and graduated with honors at the age of twenty-five.

Marshall began his law career in Baltimore and represented the poor and the weak in legal matters. The NAACP became aware of his legal abilities and asked him to join their staff. Marshall won thirty-two of the thirty-five cases he argued before the Supreme Court during the time he worked with the NAACP. In 1961, he became a member of the United States Second Court of Appeals. Four years later, he was appointed Solicitor General and was the first black to hold this position in the history of United States. Finally , he was appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1967 and was the first black to be appointed to the highest court in the United States. Marshall served in this position until his retirement in 1991. Thurgood Marshall died at the age of 84.

Thurgood Marshall will be remembered for his involvement in the civil rights movement and for paving the way for much of the progress in civil rights. His dedication to the understanding and defense of the United States Constitution has touched all of our lives in so many ways.

1. Thurgood Marshall's _____ began in the public schools of Baltimore, Maryland.
 - a. legal career
 - b. education
 - c. family
 - d. NAACP

2. What is the main idea of this writing?
 - a. Thurgood Marshall was Solicitor General.
 - b. Thurgood Marshall not born to wealthy parents.
 - c. Thurgood Marshall was important to the civil rights movement.
 - d. Thurgood Marshall retired at the age of 83.

3. What is the author's purpose of this writing?
 - a. persuade
 - b. entertain
 - c. inform
 - d. none of these

4. What position did Thurgood Marshall retire from?
 - a. Solicitor General
 - b. attorney for the NAACP
 - c. teacher
 - d. United States Supreme Court

5. Which of the following is an OPI N I O N?
 - a. The NAACP hired Marshall as an attorney.
 - b. I think Thurgood Marshall was a good man.
 - c. Thurgood Marshall was a Justice of the United States Supreme Court.
 - d. None of these

6. Which of the following is NOT true?
 - a. Thurgood Marshall was born in Atlanta, Georgia.
 - b. Thurgood Marshall was an excellent lawyer.
 - c. Thurgood Marshall retired in 1993.
 - d. None of these

7. Thurgood Marshall will be remembered because he
 - a. was the first black to be appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States.
 - b. was responsible for much of the progress in the civil rights movement in America.
 - c. was understanding of the United States Constitution and how it affected all our lives.
 - d. All of these