Movie Questions – Separate But Equal

1. Where and in what year does the movie begin?
2. What school did the African American children go to?
3. How are the children in the school grouped?
4. What passes young Harry Briggs by as he is walking home from school?
5. How does the school superintendent react when Rev. DeLaine tells him there is a problem?
6. What does Rev. DeLaine ask him for?
7. Why was the petition disallowed?
8. Who is the lead lawyer for the NAACP?
9. What does the 14th amendment state?
10. How many people does Thurgood Marshall want to sign the petition?
11. What kind of resistance does Rev. DeLaine run into when trying to get signatures for the petition?
12. What does the governor want to show?
13. What happens to Harry Briggs, Sr. concerning his job?
14. How many signatures does the NAACP get?
15. What happens to Rev. DeLaine’s job?
16. What did Plessy vs. Ferguson (1896) establish?
17. How does Judge Waring rule?
18. What falls out of Dr. Clark’s suitcase?
19. What kinds of experiments does Dr. Clark perform?
20. How was the movie theatre segregated?
21. On the witness stand, what does Superintendent Springer say is the reason for segregation in Clarendon County?
22. How does the state’s lawyer try and discredit Professor Kretch?
23. What does Mr. Tulley say is needed in defense of the school district?
24. What happens at Judge Waring’s house?
25. What is the decision of the three judge panel?
26. What are the concerns of the NAACP lawyers in regards to the Supreme Court?
27. What is the reputation of John W. Davis?
28. What does Governor Byrnes say is the plan of the state of South Carolina in regards to the equalization of schools?
29. What do the firemen tell Rev. DeLaine?
30. Who does Thurgood Marshall say should be the decision maker in this case?
31. What is the reason that Mr. Davis’ daughter say that he should not take the school segregation case?
32. Who does Mr. Davis say should decide this case?
33. How does Thurgood Marshall feel about John W. Davis?
34. Who is considered the leader of the split Supreme Court?
35. What does Buster Marshall give her husband the night before the case goes before the Supreme Court?
36. How many justices sit on the Supreme Court?
37. What does the 14th amendment guarantee to all citizens?
38. How did Marshall feel that he did in presenting his case to the court?
39. What does Davis feel the key to the case is?
40. How does Justice Frankfurter refer to the progress of the deliberations?
41. According to Frankfurter, what kind of message will a divided Court send to the rest of the country?
42. What does the Court want both sides to do?
43. What happened to Chief Justice Vinson?
44. Who became the next Chief Justice?
45. What kind of financial struggles is the NAACP facing?
46. Where does Chief Justice Warren find Mr. Patterson?
47. What kind of issue does Chief Justice say desegregation is?
48. Which jurist does Frankfurter say will be the most difficult to sway?
49. How does Chief Justice Warren keep track of the votes of the Justices?
50. What was the final vote of the Supreme Court?