

El Rancho Unified School District
English Language Arts

Grade Level: 8	Text Title: Brown vs. Board of Education
Dependent Questions: Describe how the meaning of freedom changed for African Americans when slavery ended. What does the metaphor “but there were shadows of chains” mean? Compare and contrast <i>Plessy vs Ferguson</i> and <i>Brown vs. Board</i> .	Academic Vocabulary: compare contrast analyze
Performance Tasks: Imagine if the Supreme Court did not rule in favor of Brown. What would our school setting look like today? Write a multiparagraph fictional narrative describing a segregated school environment. Write a letter to the Supreme Court persuading the judges to end segregation in schools.	Essential Skills: Compare and contrast texts Identify similar topics Identify conflicting information Distinguish between fact and interpretation Read various forms of literary nonfiction fluently Demonstrate comprehension of various forms of literary text Read independently and comprehend complex texts Make an effort to independently read texts of increasing complexity Monitor comprehension
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