

## Annotated Bibliography

### Primary Sources

**Blanco, Maria. "BEFORE BROWN, THERE WAS MENDEZ." *American Immigration Council*, 2010, [www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/Mendez\\_v.\\_Westminster\\_032410.pdf](http://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/Mendez_v._Westminster_032410.pdf). Accessed 9 Feb. 2022.**

Blanco informs the reader about how the history of racism to all races connects both Brown and Mendez. It shows how individuals from very ethnically different backgrounds all fought to banish segregation and inequality among schools.

***California Eagle* [Los Angeles]. 8 Sept. 1949. *ProQuest*, [www.newspapers.com/newspage/693169525/](http://www.newspapers.com/newspage/693169525/). Accessed 6 May 2022.**

The California eagle gives up a great primary source on the job discrimination going on in the time in Southern California. We used this to get a better understanding of what they were facing.

**California State, Legislature, Southern District of California. *District Court of the United States Southern District of California Central Division Civil Action*.**

A source giving direct examples of court officials putting all Mexican people under the label of "dirty" and trying to sway the judge's decisions.

**"Court Denounces Segregation of Mexican Pupils." *The San Bernardino County Sun*, 15 Apr. 1947.**

This article dives deeper into the second appeal of the Mendez case. It tells us how Judge McCormick sided with Mendez both times, so the higher court was not necessary for the previously appellate case.

***Daily News* [Los Angeles]. 11 June 1943. *ProQuest*, [newscomwc.newspapers.com/image/689201934](http://newscomwc.newspapers.com/image/689201934). Accessed 6 May 2022.**

An article about discrimination that Mexican Americans faced in education and how it is hurting their children. We believe that this is a great resource to show what other kinds of discrimination was going on in Southern California.

***David Marcus, Civil Rights Attorney. Digital Commons*, [www.google.com/url?q=https://digitalcommons.chapman.edu/context/mendez\\_v\\_westminster/article/1019/type/native/viewcontent&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1645052697021502&usg=AOvVaw12ZZRsPVgsRPnCIXXVPNX2](http://www.google.com/url?q=https://digitalcommons.chapman.edu/context/mendez_v_westminster/article/1019/type/native/viewcontent&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1645052697021502&usg=AOvVaw12ZZRsPVgsRPnCIXXVPNX2). Accessed 16 Feb. 2022.**

An image of David Marcus who was the Attorney for the Mendezes.

**"Federal Court Case *Mendez v. Westminster* Decided in Favor of Hispanic American Student, April 14, 1947." *Historic U.S. Events*, Gale, 2019. *Gale In Context: High School*, [link.gale.com/apps/doc/RJZRWT282346498/SUIC?u=mil9190&sid=bookmark-SUIC&xid=5ee8a73c](http://link.gale.com/apps/doc/RJZRWT282346498/SUIC?u=mil9190&sid=bookmark-SUIC&xid=5ee8a73c). Accessed 20 Oct. 2021.**

This web page gave us many examples of the lasting impacts of Mendez. These vary from bike trails to statues, parks, and even schools. We extracted many notes for our effects page from this very detailed source.

***First Grade Class at Hoover School. 1944. kcet bright spot cdn*, [kcet.brightspotcdn.com/dims4/default/b343cea/2147483647/strip/true/crop/600x449+0+0/resize/600x449!/quality/90/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fkcet-brightspot.s3.amazonaws.com%2Flegacy%2Fsites%2Fkl%2Ffiles%2Fatoms%2Farticle\\_atoms%2Fwww.kcet.org%2Fsocal%2Fdepartures%2Flandofsunshine%2Fassets\\_c%2F2013%2F04%2Fmendezwestminsterhooverschool-thumb-600x449-48144.jpg](http://kcet.brightspotcdn.com/dims4/default/b343cea/2147483647/strip/true/crop/600x449+0+0/resize/600x449!/quality/90/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fkcet-brightspot.s3.amazonaws.com%2Flegacy%2Fsites%2Fkl%2Ffiles%2Fatoms%2Farticle_atoms%2Fwww.kcet.org%2Fsocal%2Fdepartures%2Flandofsunshine%2Fassets_c%2F2013%2F04%2Fmendezwestminsterhooverschool-thumb-600x449-48144.jpg). Accessed 16 Feb. 2022.**

A photo of Sylvia Mendez's first-grade class. We used this to show what segregation looked like in Southern California for Sylvia at the time.

***Hidden Figuras: Sylvia Mendez. Mar. 2018. Bese.com*, [www.bese.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/hidden-figuras-sylvia-mendez-1-1.jpg](http://www.bese.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/hidden-figuras-sylvia-mendez-1-1.jpg). Accessed 30 Jan. 2022.**

This photo shows us the Hoover school class with Sylvia Mendez.

**"Home Builders Charged with Discrimination." *The San Bernardino County Sun* [San Bernardino], 30 Aug. 1949. *ProQuest*, [www.newspapers.com/image/49519728/?image=49519728&words=](http://www.newspapers.com/image/49519728/?image=49519728&words=). Accessed 6 May 2022.**

This article gives us a look at the housing discrimination against Mexican Americans saying that selling houses to them will scare away customers. This gave us new knowledge surrounding other discrimination in Southern California.

***Hoover Elementary School. Calisphere*, [calisphere.org/crop/999x999/b40d7d6e4fee0e34a1d899d71c8c7388](http://calisphere.org/crop/999x999/b40d7d6e4fee0e34a1d899d71c8c7388). Accessed 16 Feb. 2022.**

A photo of the school Sylvia and her brothers were forced to attend. This gives a great image of how the school looked and also helps as it is referenced as looking like a "shack".

**Leal, Fermin. "Park honoring Mendez v. Westminster case awarded \$1.29 million state grant." *OCDENEWSROOM*, 27 Feb. 2020, [newsroom.ocde.us/park-honoring-mendez-v-westminster-case-awarded-1-29-million-state-grant/](https://newsroom.ocde.us/park-honoring-mendez-v-westminster-case-awarded-1-29-million-state-grant/). Accessed 8 Feb. 2022.**

Leal tells us about a memorial for Mendez v. Westminster being put up in the city of Westminster. It is going to be a park honoring Gonzalo and Felicitas Mendez and their fight for equality in this city.

**LEARNING FOR JUSTICE STAFF. "A Tale of Two Schools." *Learning for Justice*, [www.learningforjustice.org/classroom-resources/texts/a-tale-of-two-schools#:~:text=Under%20oath%2C%20Kent%20said%20he,enroll%20in%20an%20Anglo%20school](https://www.learningforjustice.org/classroom-resources/texts/a-tale-of-two-schools#:~:text=Under%20oath%2C%20Kent%20said%20he,enroll%20in%20an%20Anglo%20school). Accessed 9 Feb. 2022.**

This page was published by "Learning for Justice", which is a huge database on the history of systemic racism and segregation. The title "A Tale of Two Schools" references Brown and Mendez crossing paths through NAACP lawyer Thurgood Marshall.

***The Mendez Family. History*, [www.history.com/.image/t\\_share/MTY3MDAzODYwNDEyNDA5MjM3/mendezhig hres2.jpg](https://www.history.com/.image/t_share/MTY3MDAzODYwNDEyNDA5MjM3/mendezhig hres2.jpg). Accessed 16 Feb. 2022.**

A photo showing Felicitas with Sylvia and her brothers Jerome, and Gonzalo Jr. We used this because it was a great photo of the family together.

***Mendez vs. Westminster: For All the Children*. Directed by Sandra Robbie, 2003.**

Robbie's documentary includes central supporting evidence to our project. The documentary tells the story of Sylvia Mendez and her family's fight for desegregation. Throughout the film, there are numerous primary sources, that could not be found elsewhere.

***The 1954 ruling, in Ms Brown's name, is considered a landmark moment for the US civil rights movement*. 1954. *History Collection*, [historycollection.com/today-history-brown-vs-board-education-decided-supreme-court-1954/](https://historycollection.com/today-history-brown-vs-board-education-decided-supreme-court-1954/). Accessed 16 Feb. 2022.**

This is an image of protests for the Brown v. Board of education case.

**"Pachucos Origins Traced; 'Zoot' Suit Is a Symbol of Hatred of Society." *Long Beach Independent* [Long Beach], 11 June 1943. *ProQuest*, [www.newspapers.com/image/717794298/?image=717794298&words=](https://www.newspapers.com/image/717794298/?image=717794298&words=). Accessed 6 May 2022.**

An article that gives an overview of what the Zoot Suit riots are and where they stemmed from. This gave us an inside view of what the news at the time put it out to be and what was really going on.

**PHOTOGRAPH BY UNIVERSAL HISTORY ARCHIVE / UNIVERSAL IMAGES GROUP VIA GETTY IMAGES. *Black students attend a segregated school in Siloam, Georgia. 1941. Kids National Geographic,* kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/the-road-to-school-desegregation. Accessed 16 Feb. 2022.**

A segregated school in the 1940s. We used this to show that there was segregation happening all over the nation and how it really looked.

***Ruling Gives Mexican Children Equal Rights. 1946. History,* www.mexican-american.org/history/20th-century/1940s/1946/mendez-vs-westminster/images/mendez-v-westminster\_los-angeles-times-article\_700x855.gif. Accessed 16 Feb. 2022.**

This is an image of a newspaper that was showing that the Mendezes had just won their case and desegregated four districts in California.

***Sylvia Mendez, The Face of The Case. 1946. California Times,* ca-times.brightspotcdn.com/dims4/default/4552847/2147483647/strip/true/crop/698x800+0+0/resize/1440x1650!/quality/90/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcalifornia-times-brightspot.s3.amazonaws.com%2Fc2%2F98%2F829b050143994af19a8d3dd4eaf3%2Ftn-wknd-et-0417-mendez-70-gallery-20160415-002. Accessed 16 Feb. 2022.**

An image of Sylvia Mendez we used that was the face of the Mendez case.

**United States, Congress. *Gonzalo Mendez et al v. Westminster School District of Orange County et al, Brief of the National Lawyers Guild and ACLU Amici Curiae. Google Arts and Culture,* artsandculture.google.com/asset/gonzalo-mendez-et-al-v-westminster-school-district-of-orange-county-et-al-brief-of-the-national-lawyers-guild-and-aclu-amici-curiae-national-archives-and-records-administration/rAF6k2rHz6d4FA?ms=%7B%22x%22%3A0.5%2C%22y%22%3A0.5%2C%22z%22%3A8.887168370967114%2C%22size%22%3A%7B%22width%22%3A3.648258161695427%2C%22height%22%3A1.2375433478854214%7D%7D. Accessed 20 Oct. 2021. Document 294943.**

A brief, (Amicus Curiae) of the National Lawyers Guild on Mendez. It states that the evidence provided does indeed violate the Fourteenth Amendment, and connects directly to the allegations.

***We serve Whites only, No Spanish or Mexicans. 1949. Project Pulso,* projectpulso.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Sylvia-Mendez-6.png.**

A sign that shows just some of the segregation that Mexican Americans were facing.

## Secondary Sources

**Blackstock, Joe. "Pivotal San Bernardino case fought discrimination against Latinos." *Daily Bulletin*, 29 June 2015. *Daily Bulletin*, [www.dailybulletin.com/2015/06/29/pivotal-san-bernardino-case-fought-discrimination-against-latinos/](http://www.dailybulletin.com/2015/06/29/pivotal-san-bernardino-case-fought-discrimination-against-latinos/). Accessed 9 Feb. 2022.**

Blackstock gives background knowledge of the cases involving David Marcus leading up to Mendez. He describes how this pool had a designated "Mexican Day", and how the unfair treatment of these people lead to Mendez really occurring in the first place.

**"BRIA 23 2 c Mendez v Westminster: Paving the Way to School Desegregation." *Constitutional Rights Foundation*, 2007, [www.crf-usa.org/bill-of-rights-in-action/bria-23-2-c-mendez-v-westminster-paving-the-way-to-school-desegregation](http://www.crf-usa.org/bill-of-rights-in-action/bria-23-2-c-mendez-v-westminster-paving-the-way-to-school-desegregation). Accessed 30 Jan. 2022.**

An article overviewing California as it relates to segregation before and during Mendez Vs. Westminster. This website specializes in topics as they relate to The Constitution, so it gave us a more legal standpoint.

**Caspa, Humberto, Dr. "On Discrimination: Mendez v. Westminster." *La Prensa San Diego*, 16 Mar. 2007. *Pro Quest*, [www.proquest.com/docview/390266467/BB7596659CDA4C09PQ/6?accountid=285](http://www.proquest.com/docview/390266467/BB7596659CDA4C09PQ/6?accountid=285). Accessed 20 Oct. 2021.**

Caspa explores the point of view that Judge McCormick's decision instated diversity in California public schools. Humberto believes that this key decision lead to Brown of course, and furthermore lead to Diversity being prominent in California society.

**Contreras, Russell. "Hurdles remain 75 years after key Latino segregation case." *Axios*, 14 Apr. 2022, [www.axios.com/2022/04/14/latino-segregation-case-mendez-westminster-brown](http://www.axios.com/2022/04/14/latino-segregation-case-mendez-westminster-brown). Accessed 6 May 2022.**

Contreras gives a new perspective on the overall impact of the case. This gave us a whole new mindset on what the outcome actually was other than what we knew before.

**Macías, Francisco. "Before Brown v. Board of Education There Was Méndez v. Westminster." *Library Of Congress*, 16 May 2014,**

**blogs.loc.gov/law/2014/05/before-brown-v-board-of-education-there-was-mendez-v-westminster/. Accessed 21 Jan. 2022.**

Macías used a primary image of a school at Peñasco which stood out to us. This gave us a realistic version of what a school like Sylvia's would have looked like. We wanted to find as many primary sources as possible to put ourselves in Sylvia's shoes.

---. "School Desegregation for All Children – The Legacy of *Méndez v. Westminster*." *Library of Congress*, 26 Feb. 2015, **blogs.loc.gov/law/2015/02/legacy-of-mendez-v-westminster/. Accessed 20 Oct. 2021.**

During this article, Francisco Macías describes the events past Mendez. This includes Sylvia's medal of freedom and more of her civil rights efforts.

*Mendez Memorial Park. News Room*, **i0.wp.com/newsroom.ocde.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Mendez-Plaza-Illustration-2-scaled.jpg?fit=1200%2C729&ssl=1.**

An illustration of the soon-to-be park in Westminster that gives tribute to the Mendez Family.

***MENDEZ V. Westminster. Weebly*, 58012514.weebly.com/. Accessed 25 Jan. 2022.**

We found this website was an NHD website from a previous year. This individual(s) did a great job describing the debate in depth, so we checked some of their information with our sources for maximum accuracy.

*Méndez v. Westminster Stamp. 2007. Chapmen News*, **news.chapman.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/0-0\_USPS07STA012.jpg. Accessed 16 Feb. 2022.**

An image of the stamp made to commemorate the Mendez case. This goes to show some of the footprints this case left.

**Naples, Nancy A., and Jennifer Bickham Méndez. *Border Politics: Social Movements, Collective Identities, and Globalization*. New York City, NYU Press, 2015.**

Naples specializes in the concept of social belonging and exclusion as extensions of border politics. It states that cultural lines and geographical lines can oftentimes be blurred and morphed into one, which they are not.

**"1946: Mendez v. Westminster." *Library of Congress*, guides.loc.gov/latinx-civil-rights/mendez-v-westminster#s-lib-ctab-24709371-2. Accessed 9 Feb. 2022.**

A great source from a legal standpoint for us. The Library of Congress gave us many very reliable primary quotes and information directly from Mendez, such as Judge McCormick's ruling established that "the clear purpose of the segregation by the school districts was to discriminate against pupils of Mexican descent".

***President Barack Obama presents human rights activist Sylvia Mendez with the 2010 Medal of Freedom.*** 15 Feb. 2011. *Pop Sugar Assets*, [media1.popsugar-assets.com/files/thumbor/TabyOyfdXIWo\\_NjRU\\_xRdnr00-g/fit-in/1024x1024/filters:format\\_auto-!!-:strip\\_icc-!!-/2017/03/13/699/n/39941435/5d0f02245e25e32e\\_6\\_GettyImages-109138811/i/Sylvia-Mendez-One-First-Latinxs-Attend-All-White-School.jpg](http://media1.popsugar-assets.com/files/thumbor/TabyOyfdXIWo_NjRU_xRdnr00-g/fit-in/1024x1024/filters:format_auto-!!-:strip_icc-!!-/2017/03/13/699/n/39941435/5d0f02245e25e32e_6_GettyImages-109138811/i/Sylvia-Mendez-One-First-Latinxs-Attend-All-White-School.jpg). Accessed 16 Feb. 2022.

An image of Sylvia receiving the medal of honor from President Obama.

**Russian, Ale. "Sylvia Mendez and Her Parents Fought School Segregation Years Before 'Brown v. Board.'" *Biography*, 15 Sept. 2020, [www.biography.com/news/sylvia-mendez-school-segregation-fight](http://www.biography.com/news/sylvia-mendez-school-segregation-fight). Accessed 21 Jan. 2022.**

This great secondary source stood out to us because it incorporated direct words and conversation between Sylvia and Felicitas. Sylvia is quoted describing the segregated school as consisting of two wooden shacks filled with second-hand books and faulty desks.

**Stacylynn, et al. *Mendez v. Westminster*. 2008. *deeper learning ocde us*, [deeperlearning.ocde.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Mendez-825x510.jpg](http://deeperlearning.ocde.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Mendez-825x510.jpg). Accessed 16 Feb. 2022.**

A painting created by teens in juvenile detention created this art for a competition for the chance for it to be put at the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, in the Santa Ana building and they won. They based this painting off of the Mendez case and what they were fighting for. We really liked the way this painting represented the case and thought it was very meaningful.

**Strum, Philippa. *Mendez V. Westminster: School Desegregation and Mexican-American Rights*. Lawrence (Kan.), UP of Kansas, 2010.**

We used information from this book that specified that segregation solely based on race was legal, so Mendez would have to argue that inequality based segregation was occurring.

***Sylvia Mendez Elementary. Square Space*, [images.squarespace-cdn.com/content/v1/58054e64197aea9de9a7146c/1547167542053-NS8UHQ86Q4S0KAB3F7ZU/IMG\\_2910.jpg?format=1500w](http://images.squarespace-cdn.com/content/v1/58054e64197aea9de9a7146c/1547167542053-NS8UHQ86Q4S0KAB3F7ZU/IMG_2910.jpg?format=1500w). Accessed 16 Feb. 2022.**

An image of an Elementary School made in Sylvia Mendezes honor.

***Sylvia Mendez in the Mendez v. Westminster.***

**sylviamendezinthemendezvswestminster.com/contactus.html#:~:text=About%20Me%20Education%3A%20Sylvia%20Mendez%20was%20born%20in,went%20on%20to%20California%20State%20University%20at%20Los. Accessed 11 Feb. 2022.**

A website giving great information on Sylvia and was very useful. It tells us about the awards she won, her timeline, education, etc.. It also gives good information on the case aswell.

**Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Separate Is Never Equal: The Story of Sylvia Mendez and Her Family*. New York City, Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2014.**

Tonatiuh describes in-depth the events leading up to the court case. It includes Sylvia Mendez's family's story and about the schools she went to. This gives up a look into what she experienced in school, and why she fought for desegregation.

**Ubinas, Helen. "The Other Brown; If You Think You Know Where the Famous School Desegregation Case Got Started, You May Be Looking in the Wrong Place.: [STATEWIDE EDITION]." *Hartford Courant* [Hartford, Conn.], 18 Apr. 2004, p. Word count: 5039.**

Ubinas confirms that most people believe school desegregation started with Brown when in reality Mendez is really the case that kicked it off. The goal of this site is to educate people on how Mendez is directly connected to Brown, which fits well with our NHD website.

**Williams, Jasmine K. "THE MENDEZ VICTORY." *The New York Post. The New York Post*, nypost.com/2005/04/12/the-mendez-victory/. Accessed 23 Jan. 2022.**

Williams tells us about how the Mendez family won their case. It gives us some background showing how they got to court and then goes on to tell us about the journey throughout the case. This source is beneficial because it briefly goes through the whole story of the case while still adding some small important details.

**Wolny, Philip. *Sylvia Mendez: Civil Rights Activist*. E-book ed., New York City, Rosen Central, 2020.**

A book discovering Sylvia herself, as her story connects to the case. Also how her activism contributed to Mendez finally receiving the recognition it deserves. This book offers a firsthand perspective on how the Mendez case really progressed.

**"Zoot Suit Riots." *HISTORY*, www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/zoot-suit-riots. Accessed 2017.**



History.com gives us a good look into the zoot suit riots giving us a deeper understanding. This site also includes primary quotes.