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How did we choose our topic and how does it relate to the annual theme?

In light of recent events, we were intrigued by the topic of civil rights. As we skimmed through sources, a specific branch of the movement encouraged us to dig deeper, becoming the central focus of our project: integrated education. It was strange for us to imagine racial separation, as we attend a school consisting of people of many different races. So to understand how schools were desegregated, we had to rewind to the circumstance that started it all, the Brown vs. Board of Education case. Relating to the annual theme, communication within the courtroom led to the verdict itself. The media coverage, including newspapers, television, and photographs, enlightened the public with what was going on involving the case.

How did we conduct our research?

The research was a tedious task for us. We were instructed that by the end of December, we should have around 40 sources, mainly primary ones. In the early stages, we kept up but as December neared, we were falling behind. The scramble for sources persisted; the majority of our time was spent searching for sources we would later discard. Once we started on our project, we had reached around 20 sources. This was enough to suffice for the time being until later finding more.

How did we create our website?

After deciding on our topic and retrieving the required sources, we then concentrated on our category options. We came to the consensus on a website as we felt that it would be an efficient way to convey all of our information in the form of words, pictures, and videos. We incorporated our research onto the website in a functional format. Luckily, we each had our own strengths that flourished by the other person which solidified our website's structure. Overall, it was a daily project that didn't require us to work on it for hours at a time, but rather in refined chunks until our website was complete.

What is our historical argument?

Our historical argument is that the Brown vs. Board of Education case used forms of communication within the classroom and out that contributed to the Civil Rights Movement and today's schooling systems. At that time, it prompted other acts of protest against discrimination.

How is our topic significant in history?

The Brown vs. The Board of Education case was an occurrence that influenced modern education. There has been a prevalent racial division, upheld by the mentalities that minorities were "too different." Unfair treatment, specifically within the area of education, prompted the Brown case. The verdict reached the courtroom in 1954, officially outlawed school segregation, opening a door to colored students, allowing them to obtain higher education. Today, this law is

still set, and anyone can attend a school without any restrictions, regardless of their color. Without the Brown case, education would likely still be a separate aspect of our daily lives.