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Thurgood Marshall & Justice - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Who first introduced Marshall to the law?

- A. his teachers, who encouraged him to pursue a legal career
- ☒ C. his father, who watched court cases in his free time
- B. his aunt, who bought him a book about a civil rights lawyer
- D. his grandmother, who was a lawyer

2. Which historical document did Marshall memorize in high school?

- ☒ A. The Constitution
- C. The Articles of Confederation
- B. The Magna Carta
- D. The Declaration of Independence

3. Why did Marshall memorize a historical document in high school?

- A. to prepare for a major debate tournament
- C. to earn extra credit in his civics class
- ☒ B. as punishment for misbehaving in class
- D. as a dare from a friend

4. Which of the following was Marshall's first major legal victory?

- A. *Brown v. Board of Education*
- C. *Furman v. Georgia*
- B. *Chambers v. Florida*
- ☒ D. *Murray v. Pearson*

5. In ***Brown v. Board of Education***, the Court ruled that

- A. prison was unconstitutional.
- C. students did not have a right to free speech.
- ☒ B. schools could not be segregated.
- D. some states could not pass new voting laws without approval.

6. As a Supreme Court justice, Marshall supported rulings that upheld

- ☒ A. civil liberties.
- B. legal tradition.
- C. limited government.
- D. conservative thought.

7. As a result of *Murray v. Pearson*,

- A. whites-only primaries were outlawed.
- B. students were allowed free speech on school campuses.
- C. all students were required to memorize the Constitution.
- ☒ D. the University of Maryland ended its policy of segregation.

8. Which of the following was **not** one of Marshall's accomplishments?

- A. becoming the first African-American Supreme Court justice
- B. striking down segregation at the University of Maryland
- ☒ C. serving as the first black president of the NAACP
- D. ending public school segregation in the US

9. During Marshall's time as a justice, the Supreme Court

- ☒ A. became more conservative.
- B. became more progressive.
- C. was always conservative.
- D. was always progressive.

10. During Marshall's time as a justice on the Supreme Court, he

- A. lost interest in law.
- B. stopped writing dissents.
- ☒ C. often disagreed with his colleagues.
- D. became more conservative himself.