

Background

- Topeka, Kansas
 - Linda Brown
 - A black third-grader
 - Had to walk one mile through a railroad switchyard to get to her black elementary school
 - A white elementary school was only seven blocks away
 - Oliver Brown
 - Tried to enroll her in the white elementary school, but the principal of the school refused
- NAACP
 - Long wanted to challenge segregation in public schools
 - It had "the right plaintiff at the right time."
 - Other black parents joined Brown, and, in 1951, the NAACP requested an injunction that would forbid the segregation of Topeka's public schools

