

# Writing Research Reports

## Thinking by Summarizing

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### Summarize an article.

Follow the tips for writing a summary. Then read the sample article, and write a summary of it using your own words.

- Underline key ideas as you read.
- Write the title, author, and main idea in the topic sentence.
- Write key ideas from the reading in your own words.

### Separate Doesn't Mean Equal

by Carson Leonard

Thurgood Marshall was a civil rights lawyer who became the first African American ever to serve on the Supreme Court. But his biggest achievement was his role in a legal case that changed America for the better.

Before 1954, some state laws required black and white students to attend separate public schools. The segregated schools were supposed to be "separate but equal," but conditions in the schools were not equal.

Marshall was a lawyer for a group of Kansas parents who sued the state, because they believed the law violated their rights. The case was called *Brown versus Board of Education*.

Marshall argued that segregated schools violated individual rights according to the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled in his favor, and segregated public schools became unconstitutional, as they remain so today.

### Your Summary: