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Read and answer the questions below.

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Teacher Key

1. Why was *Brown v. the Board of Education* an important case in U.S. history?

Brown v. the Board of Education was an important case because it made segregation in public spaces, like schools, illegal. It said that "separate but equal" violated the Constitution.

2. How is inequality different from segregation?

Segregation was a tactic used to legally separate white people from non-white people. Whereas, inequality is not illegal, but means that some people have more access to resources than others.

3. Give an example of inequality in today's society and why it is an important topic to be addressed.

Answers will vary:

Pay inequality: Women and minority men are paid less than white males. This is a problem because minority groups can never make as much money or get better jobs.

Housing inequality: Minority groups are not able to rent or buy property in as good of neighborhoods as non-minority groups. Minority groups are also not able to afford housing in large cities, like New York. This is a problem because most job opportunities are in larger cities.

Education inequality: This means that some students have better access to education than others. Minority groups tend to have less access to high quality education and resources. This means their test scores and opportunities tend to be less than that of their non-minority counterparts.