## Hoxie Integration Lesson Plan

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Lesson Title:	Equal Justice Under Law
Estimated Time (Class Period/s):	3-5 class periods (45 min each)
Grade Level(s):	Grades 7-12
State Standards:	Arkansas History Grades 7-8: CG.6.AH.7-8.1: Analyze the role of government and public policy on social concerns in Arkansas over time (e.g., unemployment, education, poverty, immigration, culture)  Arkansas History Grades 9-12: Era5.5.AH.9-12.4: Analyze the social, economic, and political effects of the Civil Rights Movement in various regions of Arkansas using primary and secondary sources from multiple perspectives (e.g., segregation; voting; integration of Fayetteville, Hoxie, and Little Rock School Districts; federal and state legislation)  United States History Since 1890: Era9.6.USH.4: Examine domestic policies of the federal government between 1945 and 1970 and the outcomes from multiple perspectives (e.g., New Frontier, Great Society, civil rights, social issues)
Learning Objective(s):	Students will understand that ALL children deserve the right to an equal educational opportunity as highlighted in the United States Constitution.
Essential Question:	How does the struggle for equality affect people, groups, and communities?

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Resources and Materials:	Hoxie Colored Elementary School Photo  Lemon Road School Photo  "The First Day of Integration," Memphis Press Scimitar  "Hoxie, A City Divided" and other news stories  * document also includes: - "Court Puts Ban on Hoxie Foes of Integration" - "Hoxie Briefs Filed; Secreted by Court" - "Integration Battle of Hoxie, Arkansas" - "Absenteeism High as Hoxie Schools Open"  Hoxie v Brewer, 1956 https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/district-courts/FSupp/137/364/1480367/  Plessy v Ferguson, 1896 https://www.britannica.com/event/Plessy-v-Ferguson-1896  Brown v Board of Education, 1954 https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/347/483/  Court Decision Overview PowerPoint
Lesson Plan Details (Substitute Teacher Proof):	<ol> <li>Conduct a See-Think-Wonder activity using the Hoxie Colored Elementary photo and the Lemon Road School photo. As students observe the two photos, have them share in the following order:         <ul> <li>a. What they see</li> <li>b. What they think about what they see</li> <li>c. What this makes them wonder/what questions would they like to ask (10 min)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Introduction of Supreme Court cases, beginning with Plessy, followed by Brown, and then Hoxie v. Brewer using the PowerPoint provided. (30-45 min) During this time, it would be beneficial if students take notes in a t-chart to compare each court case.</li> <li>Students will close-read the articles and briefs (on own or in groups). This reading will be used for a class discussion. Pose the essential question for class discussion: How does the struggle for equality affect people, groups, and communities? How did the struggle for equality affect the community of Hoxie? (45 min)</li> </ol>
Formative Assessment(s):	<ol> <li>Students could write a reflection based on the discussion</li> <li>Students could turn this into a civic engagement project and create</li> </ol>

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	<ol> <li>lessons of their own to share with elementary students, or to share out in the community.</li> <li>Students could create a set of interview questions to ask a former Hoxie student using the <a href="StoryCorps">StoryCorps</a> app.</li> <li>Students could take on a persona and write a letter to a relative in another state about what has happened in Hoxie and how it has affected them.</li> </ol>
Additional Notes:	*It is suggested to add more material and support material to the Court Cases PowerPoint as needed for student understanding.  Opportunity for enrichment: Offer suggestions to students for extending this lesson into future projects.

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Lemon Road School photo found here: <a href="https://lemonroades.fcps.edu/about/history">https://lemonroades.fcps.edu/about/history</a>