



Viewing Guide:
Delgado v. Bastrop ISD (1948)

The Background of the Case (00:00-6:00)

1. How had the population of Texas changed during the first years of the 20th century?
2. What caused the population to increase in the border city of Del Rio?
3. What did the Texas Constitution of 1876 say about segregation?
4. What was the practice concerning segregation in the Del Rio school district?
5. What happened in the 1930s that alarmed Mexican American parents?
6. Who was Jesus Salvatierra and what did he do?
7. How did school officials defend their policy?
8. What was wrong with this argument?
9. How did the Texas Court of Civil Appeals rule?
10. How did the decision change the policy of school districts?
11. How did this ruling affect different school districts?

12. How did Jesus Salvatierra and other parents respond?

Stop and Think: How would you have felt if you had been a Mexican American parent of school age children in Texas at this time? A school official?

Minerva Delgado (6:01-7:52)

13. How had the *Westminster* case in California affected Mrs. Delgado and other Mexican American parents?

Question Brought to the U.S. District Court (7:53-9:12)

NOTE—This is not a U.S. Supreme Court case. It was decided in the District Court and not taken to the higher court.

14. What was the question in this case brought before the U.S. District Court?

[Formula for issue=Yes/No question + facts of the case + part of the U.S. Constitution in question]

15. What did the attorneys for the Mexican American parents argue?

Stop and Think: How would you have answered the question in this case had you been the judge?

The Ruling (9:13-10:44)

16. How did the U.S. District Court rule?

17. How did Judge Rice define how segregation for educational purposes could be used?

Stop and Think: Do you agree or disagree with Judge Rice's ruling? Explain your answer.

Impact of the Case (10:45-End)

18. What was the result of the ruling for local school districts?

Stop and Think: Explain your opinion concerning the statement in the video that says the *Delgado* case was only a small victory toward ending segregation in public schools in Texas.