

## **Post WWII Desegregation Efforts Continued**

1. Brown v. Board of Education
  - a. Oliver Brown filed a lawsuit against the board of education in Topeka, Kansas
    - i. Daughter was not allowed to attend school closest to home
    - ii. Said it violated the 14th amendment (equal protection clause)
    - iii. May 17th, 1954 Supreme Court ruled it violated the 14th Amendment and schools need to integrate
    - iv. Court left it up to school districts and local/state courts
2. Little Rock Nine
  - a. The 1st 9 African American students to attend Little Rock High School in Arkansas
  - b. Governor tried stopping it, president sent in the army & national guard -> stayed for the year.
  - c. The 9 experienced harassment and violence
  - d. School closed at the end of the year.
3. Medgar Evers
  - a. Civil rights activist
  - b. Worked with NAACP, investigated the lynching of Emmett Till
  - c. Killed in 1963 by white supremacist Byron de La Beckwith- originally found not guilty
  - d. Case reopened in 1990, found guilty -> life in prison
4. Governor George Wallace
  - a. Leading racist/segregationist in the country
  - b. Shot by Arthur Bremer -> wanting fame
  - c. Wallace was left paralyzed
    - i. Had a conversion -> spent rest of his life trying to fix what he had done/apologize