

Week # 6

1. (a) What claim was raised by Mexican-American students in the San Antonio Independent School District ?

(b) Who won this suit in the U.S. Supreme Court, and what was the reasoning of the decision ?

2. Review the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* (Brown I). Consider the San Antonio Independent School District decision in light of the reasoning of *Brown*.

In what ways are these decisions consistent or inconsistent ?

3. Prepare a brief chronology of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity litigation, identifying and describing the various court decisions throughout this litigation.

4. In the Campaign for Fiscal Equity case, did the Court of Appeals base its 1995 decision on the New York State or the U.S. Constitution ?

5. (a) What standard for a “sound basic education” did the Appellate Division apply in Campaign for Fiscal Equality in its 2002 decision?

(b) How does the 2003 decision of the Court of Appeals differ in its definition of a “sound basic education?”

(c) Which standard do you believe is more appropriate ? Why ?