

## **Explanation of Lesson**

The following lesson will be taught during the second semester of *U.S. History and Constitution* classes. This lesson falls into the section that covers the struggle for equal rights and the various movements that began at the end of Reconstruction Period that comes to a culmination with the Equal Rights Movement of the 1960's. It addresses State Standard 9, Indicator 5 ("Explain the movements for racial and gender equity and civil liberties..."). Specifically, this lesson addresses the subject of desegregation of the schools with the *Brown vs. Board of Education* Supreme Court Case. The students will be watching a video downloaded from the Smithsonian website that discusses an exhibit once in the *Smithsonian American History Museum*, "Separate is Not Equal". This video goes through the exhibit and discusses the various stages of the struggle for desegregation, some of which will be addressed in a class discussion following the video.