

## School Experiences in a Historical Context



Woodard attended school during a time when there was a continuing movement for Black Education in the United States. Woodard was in school during *Plessy vs. Ferguson*, a time when racial barriers kept most African Americans from achieving their top educational potential. Growing up in Galveston, Texas, right in the center of the south, Woodard could have experienced many trials with segregation and racism. However, Woodard's father had a good government job and thus he remembered not feeling disadvantaged as he was growing up. From my research, I inferred that Woodard, although experiencing racial tensions first hand, probably didn't have a very rough time in school. I believe he was one of the fortunate African American children attending school in the south during this time.