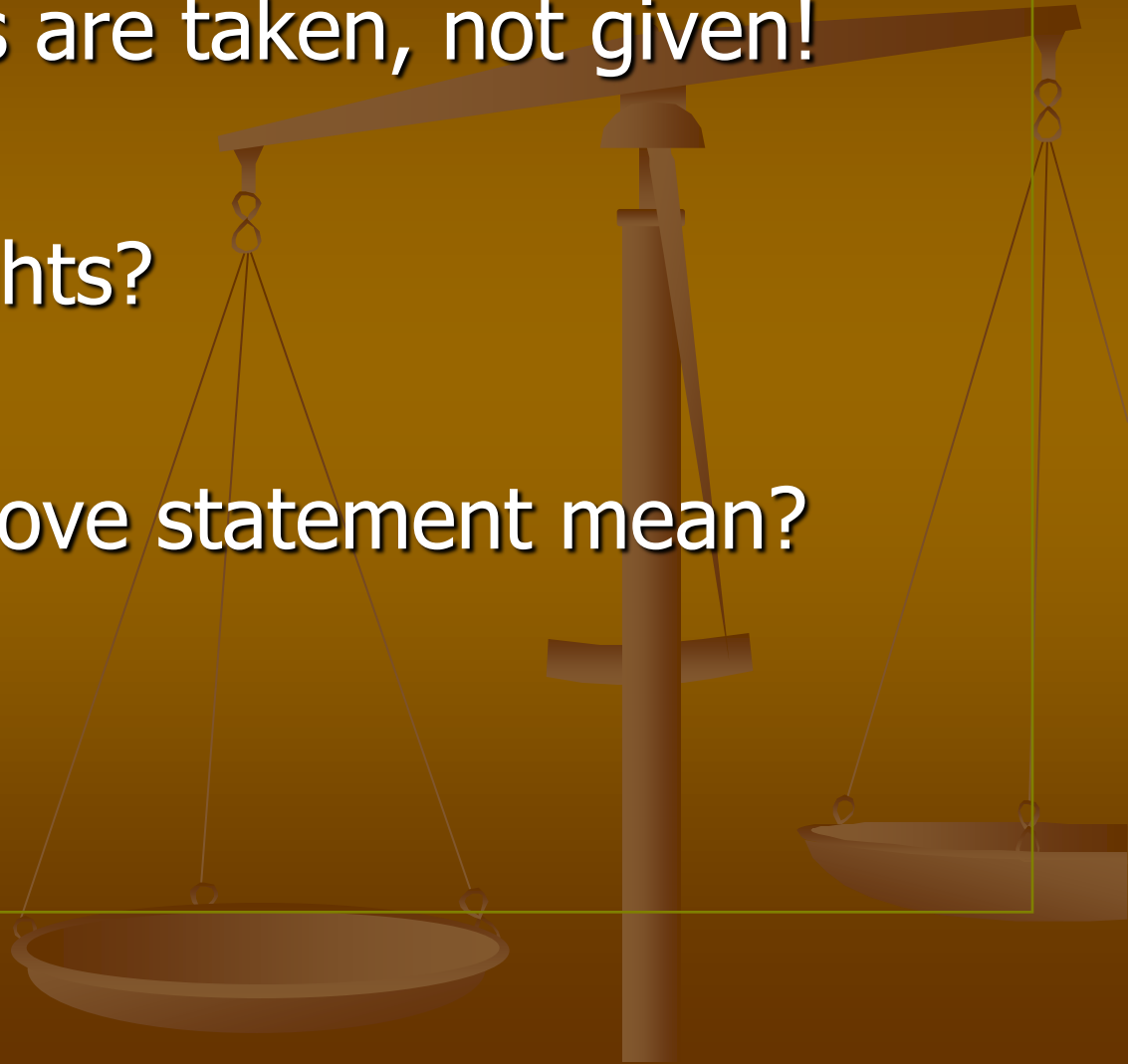


Civil Rights

- Civil Rights are taken, not given!

What are Civil Rights?

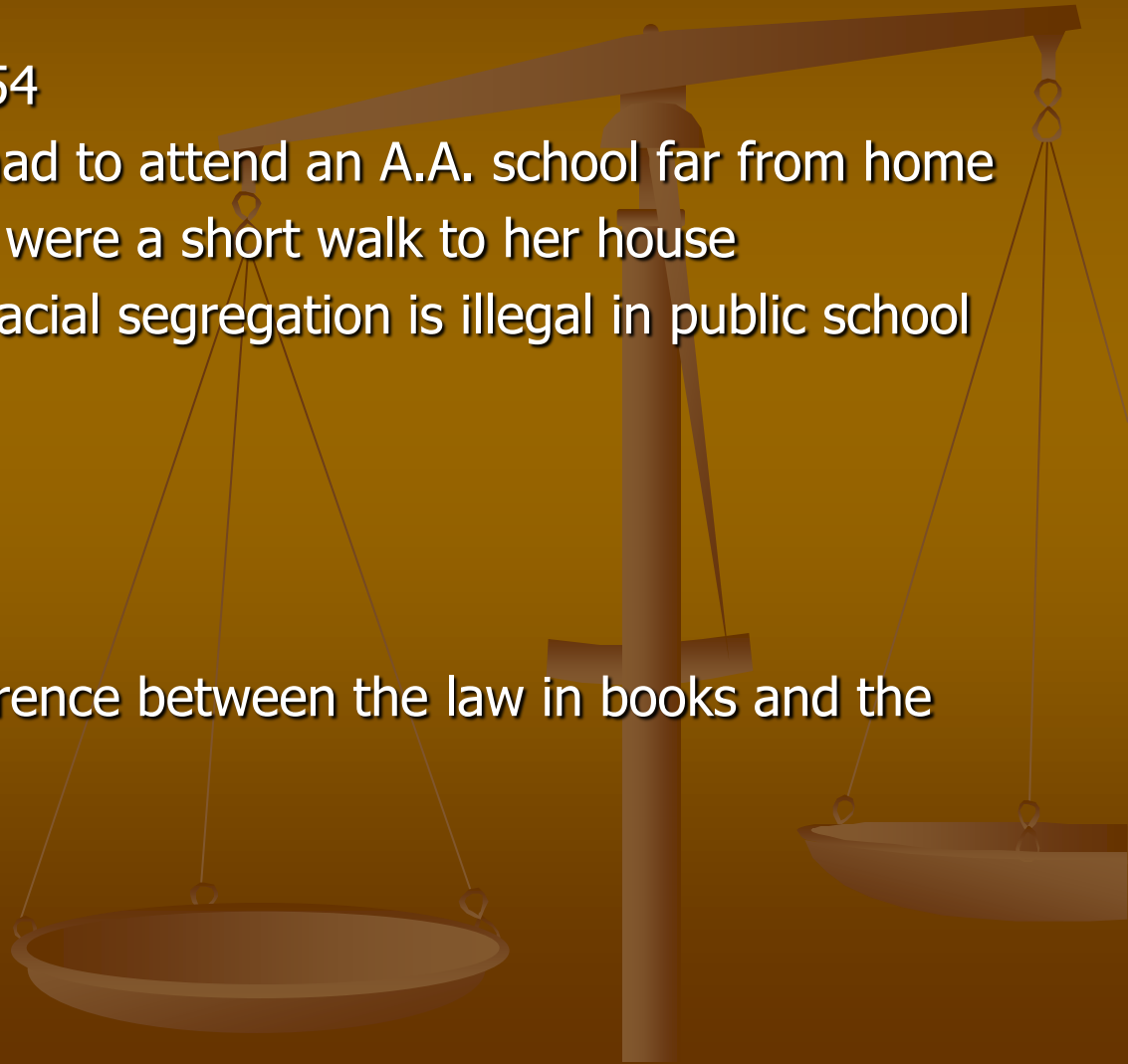
What does the above statement mean?



Brown V. Board Of Education

- Plessy V. Ferguson 1896
- Brown V. Board of Ed 1954
 - Linda Brown had to attend an A.A. school far from home
 - White schools were a short walk to her house
 - Court Ruled: racial segregation is illegal in public school

“There is a difference between the law in books and the law in action”



Little Rock Nine

- Little Rock School District was the first Southern District to desegregate
- Nine African American Students were admitted to all white Central High in 1957
- Gov. Orval Faubus ordered the National Guard to surround the school
- Nat'l Guard ordered to not allow A.A. into the school!
- Elizabeth Eckford had to go to school by herself, she met an angry mob
- For three weeks the A.A. students were turned away
- A court ruled the Nat'l Guard be removed
- 9/23/57 the nine were turned away by the white mob
- 9/25/57 Pres. Eisenhower ordered the 1000 armed troops to get the Little Rock Nine into school
- They stayed with the students for the rest of the year
- Ernest Green was the first African American to graduate in '58.

Montgomery Bus Boycott

- African Americans were made to ride in the back of the bus
 - NAACP wanted equal rights when riding on public transit.
 - 12/01/55 Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a White man
 - She was arrested
 - 50,000 African Americans organized a boycott of the bus system
 - Martin Luther King Jr. was chosen to lead a new group called the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA)
 - Whites tried to break the boycott through intimidation and violence
 - MIA leaders had their homes bombed
 - King told followers to resist non-violently
- 1956 the Supreme Court ruled the Segregation Law unconstitutional
- Civil Rights Act of 1957-federal crime to prevent qualified citizens from voting!