Brown vs. Board of Education Public History Project

in honor of the 50th anniversary

Presented by the 5th grade students of Room 10
99th Street Elementary School
First We Learned About...

- What Segregation is
- What Brown vs. Board was
- What the decision meant
- What did that mean for education
- What it looks like today 50 years later
We Learned By…

- Watching movies (“Eyes on the Prize”, Chicano, etc...)
- Doing classroom activities
- Looking at Demographic Maps of LA
- Analyzing Class Photos throughout the years
- Conducting Interviews on people at 99th Street
Watts went from mostly White... To Mostly Black... To Black and Latino (55% Latino and 45% African American at 99th Street School).
The Class Photos We Analyzed
Some of the people we interviewed
Our 3 guiding questions for our research

- After 50 years, are schools desegregated today?
- Are the conditions and quality of schools and education equal?
- Have things improved since then, and in what ways?
Our project included

- Essays answering one of the main questions
- Power Point presentation of our findings
- Classroom presentations
- Class Performance (Poetry, Song, Theatre, and Dance)
We conclude that...

- Things have changed... mostly technology
- LA is still segregated so schools are only a little desegregated
- Schools are not equal today
- People are treated differently because of their skin color and money
- Things need to change a lot more...