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Option #1: Read aloud with your group & discuss the questions.

"My child has been attending an all white school for her whole life. She has made good grades and has had no distractions. People now want black students in her school. This will create a distraction and she will not do well in school if these children are allowed. Desegregation will bring troubled kids into my child's school. I do not want desegregation now, or ever. Things were fine the way they were".

1. Whose viewpoint is this _____? (Underline a clue in the paragraph that supports your choice.)

2. When does this person want integration to happen?

Circle one: right now slowly never

Option #2: Read aloud with your group & discuss the questions.

"I am fighting for freedom and equality. My whole life I have had to go to schools that are dirty and run down. I have had no transportation to school so I have to walk to school. We do not have good school supplies. The book that I use to learn math with is missing pages and the desk that I sit in during class has a broken leg, so I rock back and forth during class time. I want to go to schools with white students. Separate schools are not equal. I also want to be treated equally at the white school. It is time that I get the same education and have access to the same materials as the white students. Since the law passed mixing the kids in schools together, I do not understand why we are not all in schools together now"

1. Whose viewpoint is this _____? (Underline a clue in the paragraph that supports your choice.)

2. When does this person want integration to happen?

Circle one: right now slowly never

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Option #3: Read aloud with your group & discuss the questions.

"I am worried about integration of my school. As this school's leader, I am concerned with the safety of all the students. I believe mixing black and white students will result in students becoming distracted in school and their education suffering. I am also afraid that due to the amount of fights and protests the schools will be shut down. If integration goes completely into effect white parents could possibly begin to pull their children out of public schools and put them in private schools. Integration should be a slow process and take time to avoid these problems".

1. Whose viewpoint is this _____? (Underline a clue in the paragraph that supports your choice.)

2. When does this person want integration to happen?

Circle one: right now slowly never

Option #4: Read aloud with your group and discuss the questions.

"All-black schools represent the racial and economic (\$) separation of black children. We need to integrate schools so black and white children are treated equally. Not having integrated schools disrespects the intelligence of black children. Racially integrated schools are important if our nation is to move beyond its tragic racial history. Americans simply do not know one another, or understand one another, across racial lines. My organization will continue to fight for equality. This can start with the youth of America beginning to accept integrated schools. This process should happen more slowly but be in effect before the next school year".

1. Whose viewpoint is this _____? (Underline a clue in the paragraph that supports your choice.)

2. When does this person want integration to happen?

Circle one: right now slowly never

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