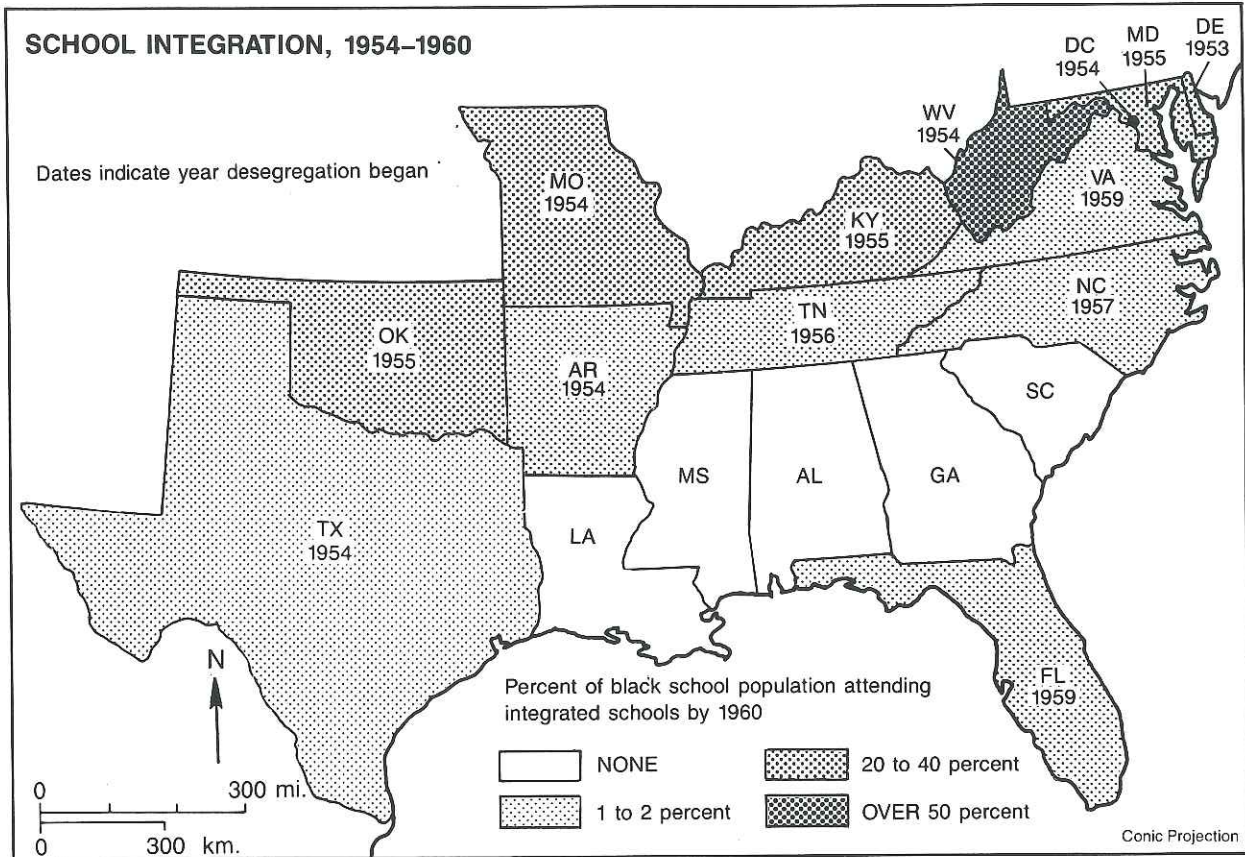


CHAPTER 22
School Integration, 1954–1960

Geography Challenge
Geography Worksheet 44

In 1954, after years of legal action, the Supreme Court ruled that the “separate but equal” doctrine that underlay racial segregation in the schools was unconstitutional. The Court called for integration “with all deliberate speed.” Study the map and answer the questions that follow.



1. Which state on the map had begun to integrate its public schools before the Supreme Court ruling in 1954? In what year did this happen? _____

2. Of the states that integrated their schools before 1960, which were the first to integrate following the court decision? Which were the last? _____

3. Which other location, not a state, also began integration in 1954? _____

4. Which states still had not begun to integrate their school systems by 1960? _____

5. Which states had integrated from 20 to 40 percent of their schoolchildren by 1960?

6. What percentage of integration had been achieved by West Virginia by 1960? _____

7. **Geographic Theme: Regions** Which states resisted school integration most strongly? Where are these states located? How did the economic and social history of this region influence the practice of segregation?
