

# Biggest Mistake Ike Made?

Appointment of Earl Warren as Chief  
Justice of the Supreme Court

# *Brown v. Board of Education, 1954*

- Collectively decides five similar cases before SCOTUS
- Determines that “Separate but Equal” in public education is not constitutional
- Schools must integrate “with all deliberate speed”
- Overturns the *Plessy v. Ferguson* case from 1896

# *Yates v. U.S.*, 1957

- Smith Act of 1940 outlawed any conspiracy advocating the overthrow of the government
  - Used to prosecute Hiss and the Rosenbergs
- SCOTUS ruled that Smith Act only bans actual actions to overthrow government but not suggestions
  - Ends legal persecution of Communist Party

# *Engle v. Vitale*, 1962

- Required prayers or prayer time in public schools violates First Amendment's "establishment clause"
- Prohibits moments of silence specifically for prayer

# *Abington v. Schempp*, 1963

- Required Bible, or other sacred texts, reading in public schools violates First Amendment's "establishment clause"
- Reading Bible/sacred texts for literary or historical value is acceptable

# *Gideon v. Wainwright*, 1963

- States must provide attorney for indigent defendants in felony cases

# *Wesberry v. Sanders*, 1964

- Representation districts must honor the idea of “one man, one vote”—each district must be as close to same population as possible

# *NY Times v. Sullivan*, 1964

- Public officials must prove “actual malice” to win a libel suit against the press



# *Miranda v. Arizona, 1964*

- Police must inform a suspect of his/her Constitutional rights
  - remain silent
  - what you say can be used against you
  - have an attorney
  - have an attorney if unable to afford one

# *Loving v. Virginia, 1967*

- Strikes down laws which prohibit marriage between people of different races