The story of Prince Edward County schools – Analysis of Prince Edward schools closings

What was your initial reaction to the story?

What were the steps or actions taken by those impacted by the school closing to rectify the situation? What were the obstacles they faced? How did they overcome those obstacles?

What were the steps and actions taken by Robert F. Kennedy and the Justice Department to reopen the schools? Which steps were most effective? Which were less effective?

What did you learn about the legal system’s role in the everyday life of citizens during the civil rights movement? Provide specific informative examples.

Do you think that the legal system wields the same power today? Explain why or why not.

What lasting damage did the four years of closed schools have on African-American students in Prince Edward County? Can anything be done today to address their loss?

Do you believe that education is a human right? Why or why not?