



### PAD 330 Module Four Short Paper Guidelines and Rubric

**Overview:** In this short paper, you will explain the role of the judiciary in effecting a change in public policy. This short paper will examine a case study about *Brown v. Board of Education*, which was a Supreme Court case from 1952 to 1954 that addressed racial segregation in U.S. public schools. You are probably familiar with this case from earlier studies; however, for this assignment, you will examine the case using a new lens. Specifically, you will evaluate the role of public administrators to execute their duties even amidst social and political upheaval.

**Prompt:** Using the article [History: Brown v. Board of Education Re-enactment](#) and readings in Chapter 12 in your textbook, craft a short paper addressing the following: How is this case study emblematic of social equity? How does the court impact the responsibilities and activities of public administrators? What is the duty of a public administrator with regard to social equity?

Address the following **critical elements** in your paper:

- Establish a context for your paper by explaining the **relationships of the different branches of government** featured in the case. Specifically, outline the impact of Supreme Court rulings on the responsibilities and activities of public administrators.
- Then evaluate the extent to which the specific judicial ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education* (1953) and the subsequent 1963 federally forced desegregation of the University of Alabama are emblematic of **enforcing social equity** through public administration. Defend your position with specific evidence from the readings.
- Finally, conclude your paper with an analysis of the **public administrators** featured in the case **as individuals**. To what extent did they execute their duty during the civil rights movement, especially with regard to social equity? In your analysis, consider how you, as a public administrator, might have reacted in this situation. Illustrate your perspective with specific details that draw from the readings.

#### Rubric

**Guidelines for Submission:** Your paper must be submitted as a 1- to 2-page Microsoft Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and at least two sources cited in APA format.

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (75%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
<b>Relationships of Different Branches of Government</b>	Explains the relationships of the different branches of government featured in the case by outlining the impact of Supreme Court rulings on the responsibilities and activities of public administrators	Addresses “Proficient” criteria, but there are gaps in clarity, logic, or detail	Does not address critical element, or response is irrelevant	30
<b>Enforcing Social Equity</b>	Evaluates the extent to which the case is emblematic of enforcing social equity through public administration, with specific evidence from the readings	Addresses “Proficient” criteria, but there are gaps in clarity, logic, or detail	Does not address critical element, or response is irrelevant	30

<b>Public Administrators as Individuals</b>	Analyzes the extent to which individual public administrators executed their duty, including the writer's own hypothetical reactions, and illustrates each with specific details from the readings	Addresses "Proficient" criteria, but there are gaps in clarity, logic, or detail	Does not address critical element, or response is irrelevant	30
<b>Articulation of Response</b>	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or organization	Submission has some errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	10
<b>Total</b>				<b>100%</b>