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Dear Mr. Montrew Dunham,

Your book, Thurgood Marshall, Young Justice, made me think about how not to judge people by what they look like. Racism has many different faces. This book also taught me that I take a lot of things for granted.

I have friends who are African American, but I just think of them as my friends, not as black or white. I didn't think I was racist. I made a remark to my mother about an ethnic group, and she told me that it was racist. So I thought about your book and what I said and realized that I was saying words as mean as what was said to Thurgood. Saying mean and untrue statements about a race of people can hurt them in their soul and make it harder for them to succeed. You should never judge people by their skin color or what they look like.

Racism affected Thurgood Marshall in every part of his life, like what school he could go to, what water fountain he could use, where he could live and what jobs he could work. This showed me how lucky I am because I am getting a good education and I don't have to work to pay for it. If I keep working hard and get good grades I can go to any school I want and choose any career I want. I have choices that some people don't have because of racism.

Your book has taught me a lot. It has taught me is not to judge people by their skin color because it is unfair and mean. It also made me realize how much I take for granted and how easy my life is compared to other people.

Sincerely,

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