

1. In the United States, graduating from college is often seen as one important  
 2. path to success. For many children from poorer areas, however, going to  
 3. college is an impossible dream. In 1987, a woman named Oral Lee Brown  
 4. decided to do something to make that dream come true for a small group of  
 5. children from a poor area of East Oakland, in California.

### Further Questions&sample answers

6. 1) Can everyone in the United States go to college?

7. *No. For many children from poorer areas it is an impossible dream.*

8. 2) What did Oral Lee Brown decide to do in 1987?

9. *\_She decided to do something to make that dream come true*

10. *\_for a small group of children.*

11. Brown says that she got her idea after a little girl asked her for money in the

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22. *\_She said that if they agreed to study hard and graduate from high school,*

23. *\_She would pay for them to go to college.*

24. Brown knew that she would have to work hard to keep this promise. She had a  
 25. good job, but she was not rich. She started saving \$10,000 of her own money each  
 26. year. She also organized events and asked companies to give money. But Brown  
 27. did not just collect money for the students. She also gave them extra lessons on  
 28. her days off, bought them Christmas presents, and listened to their problems.

### Further Questions&A

29. 5) How did Oral Brown raise the money for the students?

30. *\_She started saving \$10,000 of her own money each year.*

31. *\_She also organized events and asked companies to give money.*

32. 6) Besides raising money, what else did Oral Brown do for the students?

33. *\_She gave them extra lessons on her days off,*

34. *\_bought them Christmas presents, and listened to their problems.*

35.

36. It was hard for the students, too. Many high school students in East Oakland  
 37. leave school before they graduate, but Brown encouraged the students she met in  
 38. 1987 to continue. Twelve years later, in 1999, she was very happy because 19 of  
 39. the original 23 had gone on to college. Since then, Brown has set up  
 40. an organization called the Oral Lee Brown foundation to help give other  
 41. children the opportunity to get a college education.

### Further Questions&A



42. 7) What do many high school students do in East Oakland?

43. *They leave school before they graduate.*

44. 8) How many of the students went on to college?

45. *19 of the original 23 went on to college.*

**\*Choose the correct answer from these choices.**

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57. 1 She taught them in her free time.  
 58. 2 She helped them save their money.  
 59. 3 She took them on trips at Christmas.  
 60. 4 She found jobs for them at local companies.

61. (45) Why was Brown happy in 1999?

62. 1 A new college opened in East Oakland.  
 63. 2 She was able to meet the students again.  
 64. 3 Most of the students had been able to enter college.  
 65. 4 Her organization had become large and successful.

### Review Questions



66. 1) Can everyone in the United States go to college?

67. *No. For many children from poorer areas it is an impossible dream.*

68. **2)** What did Oral Lee Brown decide to do in 1987?
69. *She decided to do something to make that dream come true for a small group of children.*
70. **3)** What did Oral Brown do after a little girl asked her for money in the street?
71. *She took her to a grocery store.*
72. **4)** What was Oral Brown's promise to one first-year class?
73. *She said that if they agreed to study hard and graduate from high school, she would pay for them to go to college.*
74. **5)** How did Oral Brown raise the money for the students?
75. *She started saving \$10,000 of her own money each year. She also organized events and asked companies to give money.*
76. **6)** Besides raising money, what else did Oral Brown do for the students?
77. *She gave them extra lessons on her days off, bought them Christmas presents,*

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