

Ruby The Brave

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I am writing about Ruby Bridges from New Orleans, Louisiana. Ruby was a black six-year-old girl in all black kindergarten. She went to the all-black school because of segregation. She became famous for going to an all-white school.

Ruby went to an all-black school because blacks were not allowed to go to the same schools as white students. The blacks could not go to the same restaurants or use the same water fountains as whites. Some people thought it was fair or right to be separated. Others did not. Civil Rights Activists were working hard to change the segregation laws. The Civil Rights Activists went to the Supreme Court to change the laws. The Supreme Court agreed with them. The new law started when Ruby was in first grade. The new law said that all black students take a really hard test. Ruby passed that really hard test. Ruby didn't know what passing the test meant to her. Her parents agreed to send

her to the all-white school. But they didn't tell Ruby until right before her first day.

Ruby went to her new school The William Franz Elementary with her Mom and Federal Marshalls. People outside the school said mean things and held signs that said "Go Away!" Ruby went to her school everyday and her teacher was Mrs. Henry. There were no other children in her classroom. When she went to second grade things changed. People agreed with integration.

I think Ruby was very brave. I would have been very afraid to try a new school. Today, Ruby Bridges visits schools to tell this story to students. I would like to meet Ruby and hear her story.