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RUBY BRIDGES



Read the biography of Ruby Bridges and answer the comprehension questions using the passage for reference.

Ruby Bridges was born on September 8, 1954, in Tylertown, Mississippi. When she was two years old, her family moved to New Orleans, Louisiana.

In 1960, Ruby became the first Black child to attend William Frantz Elementary School. Courts had ruled that public schools could not separate children by race. Before this, many schools were only for white children or only for black children.

Ruby went to William Frantz Elementary School. Some people did not want her to go to the school, and they were very angry. On her first day, she had to walk past a big crowd of people yelling at her. She was very brave. Federal marshals, special officers sent by the government, walked with her to keep her safe.

In the classroom, Ruby was the only student because some parents took their children out of the school. Her teacher, Mrs. Henry, was kind and taught Ruby every day. Over time, more children came back to school, and Ruby made friends.

Ruby Bridges helped change history. She showed courage and helped make schools fair for everyone. Today, she works to help students and teach them about kindness and bravery. She even wrote a book about her experiences!

Ruby Bridges' story teaches us that one person can make a big difference by standing up for what is right.

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1 What was special about Ruby Bridges going to William Frantz Elementary School?

2 Why did federal marshals walk with Ruby to school?

3 What is one lesson we can learn from Ruby Bridges' story?

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