

THROUGH MY EYES BY RUBY BRIDGES

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Pre-Reading/Chapter 1

1. When was the Civil Rights Movement?

A. 1940s and 1950s

B. 1950s and 1960s

C. 1970s and 1980s

2. What is racism?

3. Do you think it is difficult or easy to get along with people who think differently than you do?

4. How can being friends with people who come from different backgrounds make you a better person?

5. What is forgiveness? Do you think forgiveness is important?

6. Ruby says, Young children never know about racism at the start. It's we adults who teach it. What do you think about this?

7. Why is courage important?

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Ruby Bridges Chapters 2-5

1. What is a sharecropper?

- A. A farmer who only worked part-time
- B. A farmer who didn't own the land
- C. A farmer who shares crops with their neighbors

2. Where did Ruby's family move in 1958, when she was four years old?

- A. Birmingham
- B. New York City
- C. New Orleans

3. How does Ruby feel about living in the city?

4. What was Johnson Lockett?

5. Why was Ruby chosen to attend an all-white school, William Frantz Public School?

6. Why didn't Ruby's father, Abon, want Ruby to take part in the school integration?

7. Why were federal marshals sent to protect the black first graders?

8. Ruby was the only one sent to William Frantz, while the three other girls were sent to a different school. Do you think it would have been easier or harder to integrate a school with other students?

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Ruby Bridges Chapters 6-10

1. How does Ruby feel on her first day at William Frantz?

2. Why did some white parents pull their children out of William Frantz?

3. What image from the protesters scared Ruby the most?

4. Who was Mrs. Henry?

5. Why was Ruby uneasy about Mrs. Henry at first?

6. Who wrote about Ruby in his book Travels with Charley?

- A. John Steinbeck
- B. Robert Coles
- C. Norman Rockwell

7. Why was Ruby's name never mentioned in the papers?

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Ruby Bridges Chapters 11-16

1. Even if parents believed in integration, why would some white parents not send their children to school?

2. Why was Yolanda Gabrielle's family attacked and heckled?

3. Why did the Gabrielle family move?

4. Do you think the Gabrielle family was brave? Explain your answer.

5. What would have happened if people gave into the protesters and schools were segregated again?

6. How were Ruby's parents treated when she was sent to the white school?

7. What happened to the letter that Eleanor Roosevelt wrote Ruby?

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Ruby Bridges Chapters 17-22

1. What are some things that Ruby and Mrs. Henry did together?

2. How does Mrs. Henry describe Ruby?

3. Why did Dr. Coles want to meet with Ruby regularly?

4. How did faith shape Ruby's life?

5. Why did Ruby have trouble eating and sleeping?

6. Why did the principal threaten to change Ruby's grades?

7. How was second grade different from first grade for Ruby?

8. Why did Mrs. Henry move?
