

Ruby Bridges



Who is ruby bridges?

Ruby bridges is famous for being the first Africa - American to start an all white school. She is so important because she stopped race.



People protesting.

Early life

On the 8th of September 1954, she was born and she lived on a small farm in tylertown. When she was four years old her family moved to New Orleans and she lived in a small apartment where she shared a room with her two younger brothers and her sister. Her favourite things to do were jump rope, softball and climbing trees. Ruby bridges went to a kindergarten at an all black school.



6 year old ruby bridges.

School desegregation



Ruby bridges and her mother walking into school.

Ruby bridges had to take a test before going to an all white school and she passed so she went to William Franz school which was a all white school. On November 14th, her first day at school she was the only student there. To keep her safe she was driven and walked into school by the us marshals because angry white parents were throwing stuff of Ruby and taking there children out of the school. She never missed a day of school that year and after the first grade she walked in by herself.

Education

All teachers refused to teach her but Barbara Henry agreed to teach her. For a whole year there was only Mrs Henry and ruby in one classroom and they ate together and played together. Other teachers refused to teach her because of the colour of Ruby's skin. If she needed to go to the toilets the us marshals had to walk her down the hall.



Mrs Henry teaching ruby.

What happened next?



Mrs Henry and adult ruby.

Ruby finished elementary school and graduated from high school. Mrs ruby bridges hall is now married to Malcolm hall and has four sons. In 2014, a statue of ruby was unveiled outside the William Franz school. Ruby went on to become a travel agent for America express.