

Ruby Bridges: A Simple Act of Courage

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Classification of Events

Directions: The events listed below are part of the story of Ruby Bridges and her act of courage. Many things that happened during Ruby's childhood were unfair. But some people tried to make things fair, too. Decide whether each event is "fair" or "unfair."

- Many places had separate facilities for people depending on the color of their skin.
- Ruby attended an all-African American school for kindergarten.
- In first grade, Ruby went to an all-white school.
- In 1896, the court said people could be "separate but equal."
- In 1954, the Supreme Court said "separate but equal" should not exist in education.
- Ruby took a test before she was allowed to go to the all-white school.
- The first students to integrate all-white schools needed soldiers and marshals to escort them to school.
- Ruby was in a classroom by herself for first grade.
- In second grade, Ruby was in a classroom with other students, many of whom were white.
- In 1964, President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act, which said segregation and discrimination were not allowed.

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