

0. The Little Rock Nine - 1957 - Story Preface

1. President Harry S Truman desegregates the armed forces - 1948

2. Brown v Board of Education of Topeka, KS - 1954

3. Montgomery Bus Boycott 1955

4. The Little Rock Nine - 1957

5. The Freedom Rides - 1961

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9. Selma March for Voting Rights - 1965

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Three years after the decision in *Brown v Board of Education of Topeka, KS* (1954) southern states were still resisting the integration of its public schools. After a federal court ordered the school system to integrate, Governor Orville Faubus commanded the Arkansas State Guard to block their entrance to Central High School. Relying on his constitutional mandate to take care that federal laws be executed, President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent the 101st Airborne Division to ensure the students' admittance.

The Guard remained with the students during the entire school year. In 1957 Ernest Green, the only senior in the group, graduated from Central High School. Faubus then ordered the public schools in Little Rock closed the next year.

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Questions 2 Ponder

How Did Bates Become a Spokeswoman?

Daisy Bates, pictured second-from-right, became a spokesperson for the "Little Rock Nine." How did this happen?

Media Stream



Little Rock Nine - Integration Pioneers

Clip of the 50th Anniversary of the Little Rock Nine integrating Central High, online courtesy the Clinton Foundation (via YouTube).

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