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The Story of Ruby Bridges: Fill-In Questions

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Review

1. What action of Ruby's showed that she loved the crowd of people?

2. What was Ruby's life like before she started school?

3. What was school like in New Orleans before Ruby began first grade?

4. Why did the judge order Ruby and three other girls to go to all white schools?

5. What did Ruby's parents pray for?

6. Why was Ruby's attendance at Frantz Elementary School an important part of American history?

7. Why were the white people angry over Ruby going to their school?

8. How many children were in Ruby's school when she was in first grade?

9. Why do you think Ruby was so calm and relaxed in school?

10. Why do you think the state and city police would not help Ruby?

Answer Key

1. She prayed that God would forgive them because they did not know what they were doing.
2. Answers will vary. Some possible answers are: She was poor. Both parents worked. They attended church every Sunday. Her family loved each other.
3. Schools were separated into all black and all white schools.
4. Separate schools were against the law.
5. Some possible answers are: They prayed that Ruby would be a credit to her family, people, and country. They prayed for strength, courage, good behavior, and to stay out of trouble.
6. There were no more all white and all black schools in New Orleans again. People began sending their children to school with all kinds of children.
7. They did not want black children going to school with their children.
8. At first, she was the only child.
9. answers will vary; some possible answers: Her family loved her. Her prayers gave her strength. Her teacher helped her. She chose not to be angry at the people. She chose to love the people who hated her.
10. They did not want black children going to white schools. They were frightened.