



Ruby Bridges

Pick one of the situations below and write a paragraph about it.

How do you think Ruby felt?

How would you have felt?

“When I looked around [my first-grade classroom], the room was empty. There were rows of desks, but no children. I thought we were too early, but Mrs. Henry said we were right on time. My mother sat down at the back of the room. I took a seat up front, and Mrs. Henry began to teach. I spent the whole first day with Mrs. Henry in the classroom. I wasn’t allowed to have lunch in the cafeteria or go outside for recess.”

“When I walked in [to my second-grade classroom], I saw at least twenty other kids. There were even a few black kids. I couldn’t believe it. I was upset to learn that Mrs. Henry would no longer be my teacher.”

When I was older I started to “take a long look at my life. I slowly began to realize that what I had done in 1960 was meaningful and important.”

Source: *Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges