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*“Don’t follow
the path. Go
where there
is no path
and begin the
trail.”*

-Ruby Bridges

Ruby Bridges and the Desegregation of American schools

Grades 4+

Ruby Bridges is an American Hero! Many know Ruby from the picture of her first day of school, flanked by federal marshals, as she entered an all-white school and began the road to desegregation. This biography is packed with facts about Ruby from her role in desegregation to her current work as a civil rights activist. Reading a chapter at a time is a way to take time for discussion around a complex topic.

Introduce Ruby to readers by showing them the iconic Rockwell [painting \(offensive language shown\)](#), *The Problem We All Live With*.

After reading Chapter 1, visit [BrainPop](#) to watch a brief video and take a quiz about Ruby Bridges.

Continue reading and then visit [Scholastic](#) for images of the Civil Rights Movement.

The [sounds](#) of the Civil Rights Movement are a great example of how music can also teach us about history.

Wrap up learning about Ruby Bridges by brainstorming ways to positively bring change.