



The Little Rock Nine.

Source: Kids Britannica.

The Little Rock Nine was a group of African American high-school students who challenged racial segregation in the public schools of Little Rock, Arkansas. They became the center of the struggle to desegregate public schools in the United States, especially in the South.

The Little Rock Nine consisted of Melba Pattillo, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, Minnijean Brown, Terrence Roberts, Carlotta Walls, Jefferson Thomas, Gloria Ray, and Thelma Mothershed.

During the summer of 1957, they enrolled at the all-white Little Rock Central High School. Three years earlier the U.S. Supreme Court had declared in *Brown v. Board of Education* that segregated schooling was unconstitutional.

Quiz

Where did it take place?

- ☐ It took place in Florida.
- ☐ It took place in Ohio.
- ☐ It took place in Arkansas.

When did it happen?

- ☐ It happened in 1967.
- ☐ It happened in 1957.
- ☐ It happened in 1947.

Who were the Little Rock Nine? (names)



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In early September 1957 the Little Rock Nine arrived at Little Rock Central High School accompanied by a small interracial group of ministers. They encountered a large white mob that began shouting, throwing stones, and threatening to kill the students.

In addition, Arkansas Governor Orval Eugene Faubus had sent about 270 soldiers of the Arkansas National Guard. Faubus was opposed to integration, and he ordered the soldiers to block the school's entrance. The Little Rock Nine were sent home.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower met with Governor Faubus to try to de-escalate the situation. However, Faubus remained defiant.

The Little Rock Nine returned to the high school on September 23. Although they entered through a side door to avoid the protesters' attention, they were eventually discovered.

The white protesters became violent. The students were once again sent home, but they returned on September 25. Eisenhower sent U.S. soldiers to protect them. He also placed the Arkansas National Guard under federal command.

Quiz

What happened?

- ☐ They went to school and some white people were violent.
- ☐ They went to school and read books.
- ☐ They were allowed to go to school.

The governor sent (envoyer) _____.

- ☐ Flowers
- ☐ Letters
- ☐ Soldiers

When did they return to school?

- ☐ September 23
- ☐ September 22
- ☐ September 25

