

LITTLE ROCK IN BLACK AND WHITE

Reading Comprehension Questions

Use the excerpts from the interview with Daisy Bates to answer the following questions using complete sentences.

DESEGREGATING LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL

1. What were the local issues that Daisy Bates and the State Press initially focused their activism on?
2. What landmark event made education a focal point of Daisy Bates's activism?
3. What did Virgil Blossom's response to the number of black student who wanted to attend Central High School confirm for Daisy Bates regarding his beliefs about integration?
4. Why did Daisy Bates believe that some black men did not support their children attending integrated schools?
5. What effect did the process Blossom used to select black student to attend Central High School have on integration in Little Rock?

RETALIATION FOR ACTIVISM

1. How did Daisy Bates's friend react to her involvement in the integration movement? Why?
2. In Bates's opinion, what was the goal of the local terror campaign against her and her husband?
3. How did Bates describe the African-American community's support for her leadership and school integration?