

LITTLE ROCK IN BLACK AND WHITE

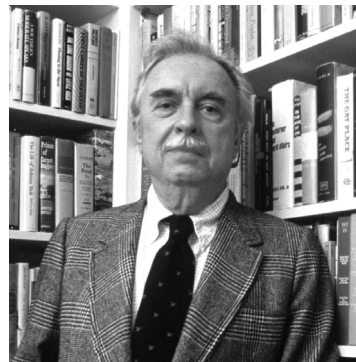
Key People from the Little Rock Crisis

Before reading the excerpts from the interview with Daisy Bates, familiarize yourself with the important actors in the Little Rock school desegregation crisis.

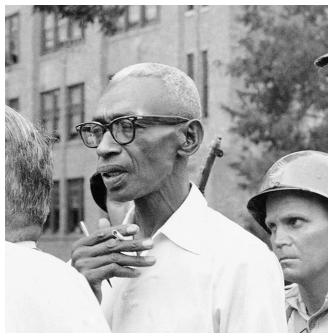
In her 1976 interview with historian Elizabeth Jackoway, Daisy Bates mentions the following people who were important players during the Little Rock Crisis. Review them as a class, and highlight or underline where Daisy Bates refers to them in the text.



DAISY BATES
President of the Arkansas NAACP from 1952-1961. She led the integrationist in the Central High School Crisis.



HARRY ASHMORE
A native of South Carolina. During the Central High School Crisis he was executive editor of Arkansas's largest newspaper, the Arkansas Gazette. A racial moderate, Ashmore was sympathetic



L.C. BATES
Husband of Daisy Bates. In 1941, he founded the Arkansas State Press as an organ to address racial discrimination and other issues confronting the African-American community.

to demands of the African-American community. He communicated with segregationists and integrationist and tried to find a compromise to the conflict in Little Rock.



VIRGIL BLOSSOM
A Missouri native who the Little Rock School Board hired in 1953 as superintendent of the school system. He was a moderate on race relations and was superintendent during the Little Rock Crisis.



ORVAL FAUBUS
The Governor of Arkansas from 1955-1967. He was the first head of state elected to six consecutive gubernatorial terms.