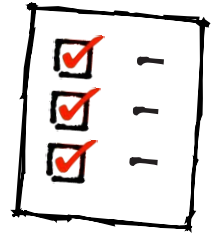


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Day Two

The Little Rock Nine

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- But when the nine newcomers arrived the first day
- the National Guard didn't let them enter
- The governor didn't want Black students
- They broke up the angry mob of bystanders
- It's the going back

- Minnijean **MIN** | ee **JEEN**
- Trickey **TRIK** | ee
- Arkansas **AR** | kan | saw
- National Guard **NASH** | un | al **GARD**
- Eisenhower **EYE** | zen | how | ur
- assaulted uh | **SAWL** | tid
- courage **KUR** | ej



Decoding practice:

Circle the two base words in the compounds below. The first one is done for you.

into

newcomers

bystanders

teenage

classrooms

classmates



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Part 2: Last read

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“It was a roar of hatred, and just thinking about it makes me shake.” Minnijean Brown Trickey is remembering an event. It happened over sixty years ago. On September 23, 1957, Trickey stood in front of Central High, an all-White school. Trickey was with eight other Black students. An angry White mob yelled racist insults at them. U.S. troops led Trickey and the other Black students up the school steps. It was three weeks into the school year in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Black students were called the Little Rock Nine. They should have been allowed to go to the first day of school. The law said that Black students and White students could attend the same schools. But when the nine newcomers arrived the first day, the National Guard didn’t let them enter. The governor didn’t want Black students to go to the White school.

President Eisenhower got involved. Three weeks later, 1,200 soldiers arrived in Little Rock. They went with the Black students into the school. They broke up the angry mob of bystanders. Troops stayed at Central High for the rest of the year. However, they didn’t go with the teenage students into their classrooms. Every day the Little Rock Nine put up with hatred from their White classmates. They were teased. They were assaulted. They were spat on.

“It’s the going back: that’s the bravery, that’s the courage,” Trickey reflects. “It’s the going home and saying: ‘Wow, they’re not stopping me, I’ll go back no matter what.’”

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Trickey says that true bravery isn’t necessarily breaking a race barrier one time. It’s going back, knowing what you are facing. What do you think about that?

- I think it’s braver to do something for the first time.
- I think it’s braver to keep going back.

Share ideas with your partner.

- We agree about this
- We disagree about this