

**RUBY  
BRIDGES  
MOVIE GUIDE  
and  
QUESTION  
CARDS**

# Ruby Bridges Teacher Tips:

- I'm a 4<sup>th</sup> grade Virginia teacher and usually show this video during the VS.9 unit after students have learned about integration. While this movie isn't set in Virginia, it does an excellent job demonstrating the struggles during this time period.
- Give video guide beforehand and review questions so students know what to look for. Pick stopping points in the movie so students have a chance to write their answers.
- Due to the intensity of the movie, the worksheet is more geared towards student's opinions rather than writing the correct answer.
- Use the question cards afterwards to guide student's discussion of the movie towards more specific events from the movie.
- The discussion cards could be used whole group or small group. There are many ways to incorporate them.
- I hope you and your students find this guide and questions helpful. Happy learning!

# Ruby Bridges Video Guide

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part I: Setting and Characters

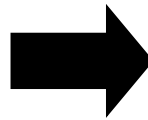
	<i>Answers</i>
<i>Location</i>	
<i>Time Period</i>	
<i>Main Characters</i>	

## Part II: Questions

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EFFECT

The new school Ruby goes to now becomes integrated.
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2. What does the word discrimination mean?

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3. There were many examples of discrimination in the Ruby Bridges story. Find at least three and write them in the chart.

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4. Circle two adjectives to describe your initial reaction to Ruby being escorted by the U.S. Federal Marshals on her first day of school.

PETRIFIED

DOUBTFUL

CONFUSED

CALM

JOYFUL

RELIEVED

FLABBERGASTED

WORRIED

ANGERED

ANNOYED

Now explain why you chose those words to describe your feelings about that scene. Write in complete sentences.

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5. What was the most shocking moment or event you saw in the movie? Why was it shocking? Write in complete sentences.

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6. After seeing what Ruby had to go through, do you think you could have been as brave as her? Why or why not? Write in complete sentences.

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# Ruby Bridges Discussion Question Cards

**HOW DO YOU THINK RUBY FELT WHEN SHE SAW THE INAPPROPRIATE WORDS WRITTEN ON THE COLUMN OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL?**

**WHY DO YOU THINK ALISON'S DAD (RUBY'S NEIGHBORHOOD FRIEND), WAS ANGRY WHEN HE FOUND HIS DAUGHTER PLAYING WITH RUBY?**

**HOW DO YOU THINK THE NEIGHBORS FELT WITH ALL OF THE POLICE CARS BLOCKING THE STREETS?**

**DO YOU THINK IT WAS FAIR FOR THE PARENTS OF RUBY'S NEW CLASSMATES TOOK THEIR CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL? WHY OR WHY NOT?**

**THINK OF TWO WORDS THAT DESCRIBE RUBY'S TEACHER, MRS. HENRY.**

**DO YOU AGREE IT WAS THE RIGHT THINGS TO DO TO SEND RUBY TO THE NEW SCHOOL?**

**THINK OF THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE RUBY BRIDGE'S CHARACTER.**

**WHY DID RUBY BRIDGES REFUSE TO EAT HER MOTHER'S COOKING?**

**WHY DID RUBY BRIDGES ONLY WANT TO EAT PACKAGED FOODS LIKE COCA-COLA AND POTATO CHIPS?**

**WHAT TWO WORDS WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE THE PRINCIPAL, MISS WOODMERE?**

**WHY DO YOU THINK IT WAS SO HARD FOR THE PEOPLE TO ACCEPT INTEGRATION?**

**WOULD YOU WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL IF EVERYDAY YOU HAD TO HEAR AND SEE PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T WANT YOU THERE?**

**DO YOU THINK THE MILITARY DOCTOR, DR. ROBERT COLES, HELPED RUBY? IF SO, HOW?**

**HOW POWERFUL DO YOU THINK PRAYER WAS FOR RUBY?**

**WHAT EFFECT DID RUBY GOING TO THE NEW SCHOOL HAVE ON HER PARENTS?**

**WAS IT FAIR FOR RUBY'S DAD TO LOSE HIS JOB BECAUSE OF THE NEW SCHOOL SHE WENT TO?**

**WHY DID MRS. STEIN ASK RUBY AND HER FATHER TO STOP COMING TO THE STORE?**

**WHY WAS RUBY'S FATHER AGAINST HER SEEING THE DOCTOR AT FIRST?**

**WHY DID ABON, RUBY'S FATHER, LATER CHANGE HIS MIND ABOUT RUBY MEETING WITH THE DOCTOR?**

**THE MARSHAL'S SAID ABON COULDN'T TAKE RUBY TO SCHOOL. WHY COULDN'T RUBY'S FATHER COME TO SCHOOL WITH HER? DO YOU THINK THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA?**

**HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN RUBY SCORED WELL ON HER END OF THE YEAR TEST?**

**HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN MISS WOODMERE TRIED TO LOWER RUBY'S SCORES ON HER END OF THE YEAR TEST?**

**WHY DOES THE OTHER FIRST GRADE TEACHER, MISS SPENCER, STARTED TO BE NICER TO RUBY'S TEACHER, MRS. HENRY?**

**HOW DO YOU THINK LIFE WAS FOR THE WILLIAM FRANZ SCHOOL THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR?**

**DID YOU EXPECT THERE TO BE A CROWD CHANTING AGAINST RUBY ON HER FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL? WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST REACTION?**

**WHY DO YOU THINK RUBY WAS THE ONLY CHILD TO INTEGRATE WILLIAM FRANZ SCHOOL? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SIX OTHER GIRLS?**

**HOW DO YOU THINK ABON FELT ABOUT DR. BOYARD, THE LEADER OF THE NAACP?**

**DO YOU THINK MRS. HENRY WAS A GOOD MATCH FOR RUBY? WHY OR WHY NOT?**

**DO YOU BELIEVE THAT SCHOOL IS DIFFERENT THAN THE TIME RUBY BRIDGES WENT TO WILLIAM FRANZ? HOW DO YOU KNOW?**

**WHAT ARE TWO THINGS THAT MADE RUBY BRIDGES GET THROUGH THE YEAR SUCCESSFULLY IN YOUR OPINION?**