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Mini-book Option B

Lexile: 530

Word Count: 313

Vocabulary Sample:

black-and-white, kind, brave, wander, courage,
scary, yell, shout, scared, mean

Reading Skills in this Mini-book

Specific sounds, practice words, and phonemic awareness skills for this booklet are listed below and in the Reading Skills boxes throughout the story. Practice new sounds and words that are underlined.



Sounds

/ow/ as in crowd

- reading
- practice
- words

Practice Words

courage, crowd

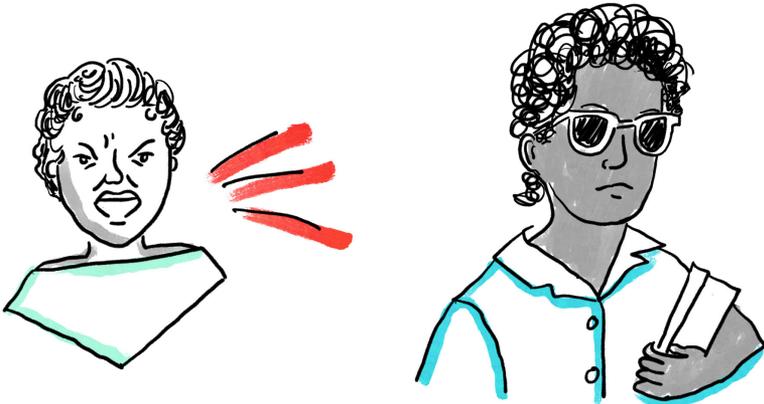
These words are underlined throughout the mini-book.



Phonemic Awareness

Sound Deletion

Removing a sound from a word to create another word. For example, deleting the /s/ in “scared” to make “cared”.



Some people were mad that Elizabeth was trying to go to Little Rock Central High School.

What do you notice about the face of the girl behind Elizabeth?

CHAPTER 1

Who was Elizabeth Eckford?

Imagine walking to school and seeing a big crowd of people yelling at you.

That's what happened to a girl named Elizabeth Eckford in 1957.



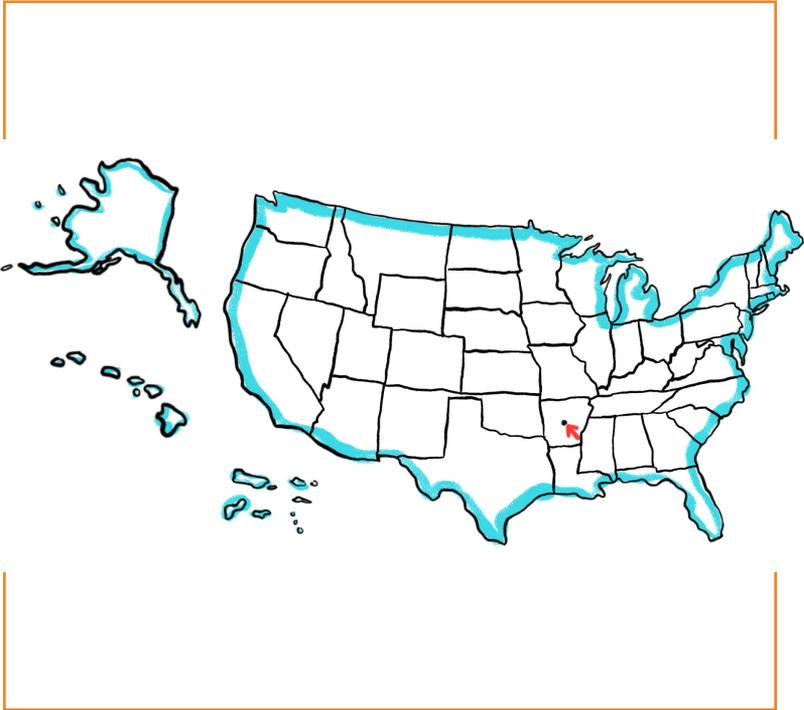
Sounds

The letters -ow can have two sounds.

/o/ like snow

/ow/ like now

Which sounds does the word crowd use?



The arrow points to Little Rock, Arkansas where Elizabeth lived.

Where do you live? Show it on the map.

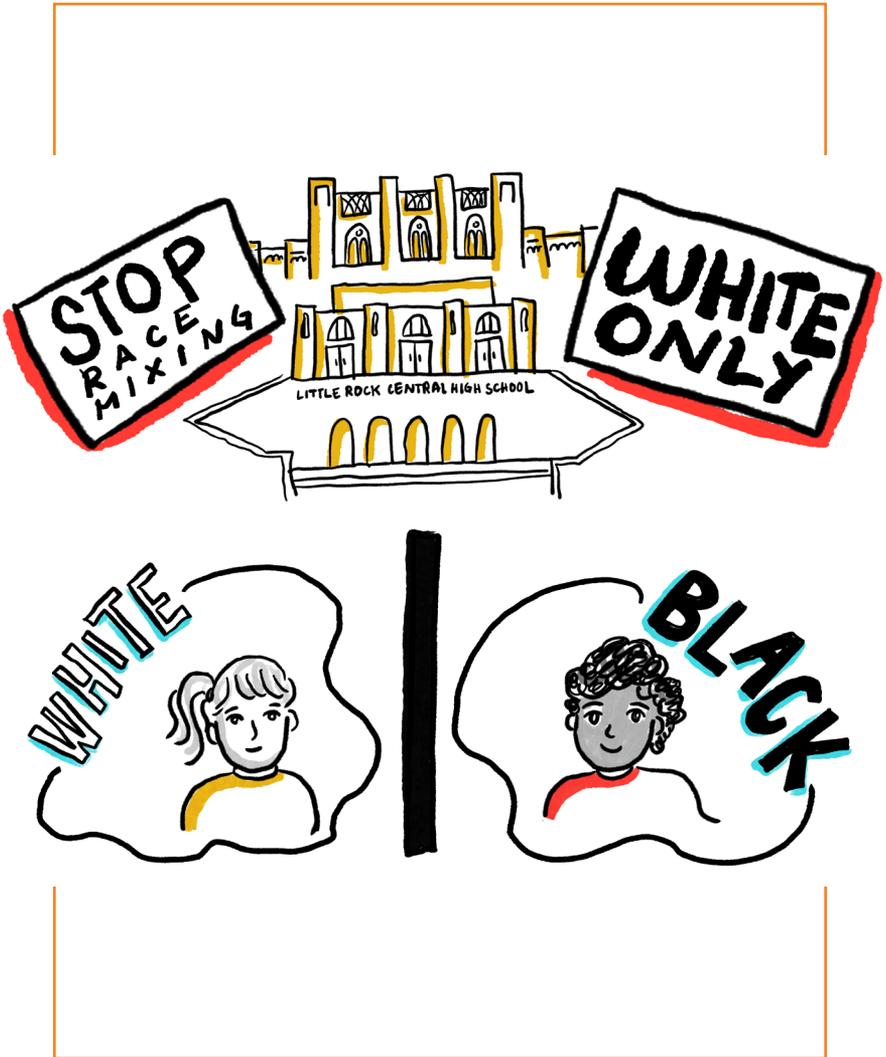
Elizabeth was fifteen years old and wanted to go to a new school. A new rule said she could go there. But some people didn't want her there because of the color of her skin.

- ☑ reading
- ☑ practice
- ☑ words

Reading Skill

Practice Words

Practice reading the words courage and crowd. You will read them many times in this story!



Segregation at Little Rock Central High School.

Before this, there was a school for white students and a school for Black students.

This was called segregation. A new rule said that this was not equal.

Elizabeth was willing to be one of the first Black students at Little Rock Central High School.



Sounds

Delete the /ing/ in willing.

What word is left?



Elizabeth Eckford was part of a group of students that went to the new school called the “Little Rock Nine.

Elizabeth put on her favorite black-and-white dress and carried her school books. She hoped to learn and make friends.

She wouldn't be alone. There were 8 other students going to the school with her. They were called "The Little Rock Nine." They also had adults helping them.

History Skill

Then and Now

Elizabeth Eckford wanted to learn and make new friends at school.

My favorite part of learning is



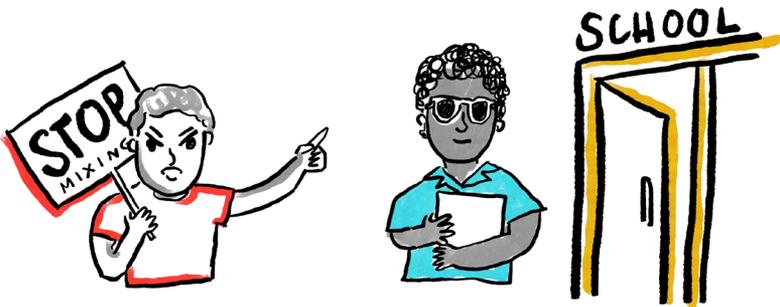
People protesting school desegregation.

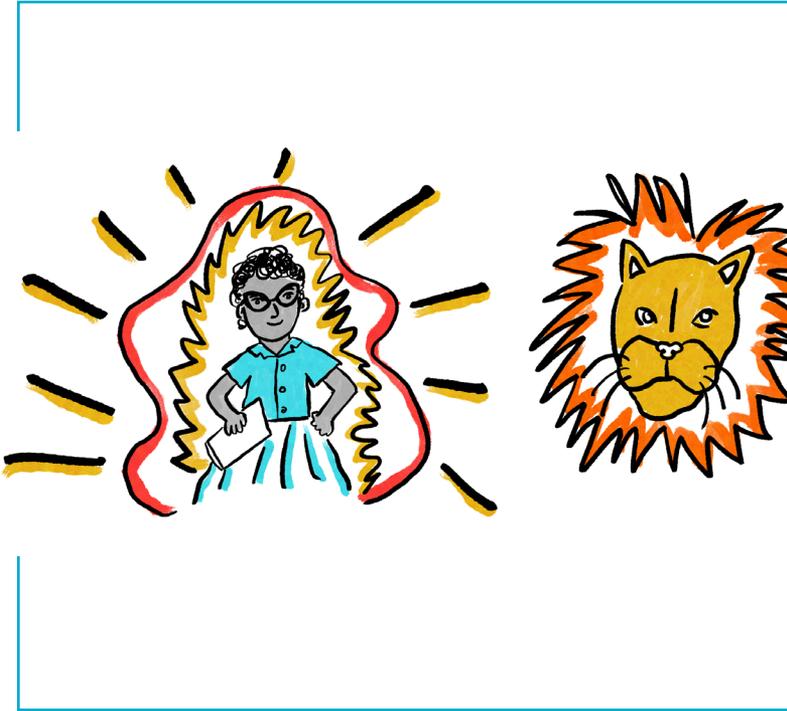
CHAPTER 2

How did Elizabeth Eckford show courage?

Elizabeth was supposed to meet up with the Little Rock Nine at school, but they didn't show up. Something had gone wrong.

When Elizabeth got to the school, she couldn't get in. Behind her, a huge crowd shouted mean words.





Courage is a civic virtue. Courage is doing what is right or good even if it is hard or scary.

When we think of courage, we can think of a big and strong lion!

She wandered looking for a way in, or for someone to help her.

Elizabeth was scared, but she kept walking tall. She didn't cry. She didn't run. She was brave. She had courage.

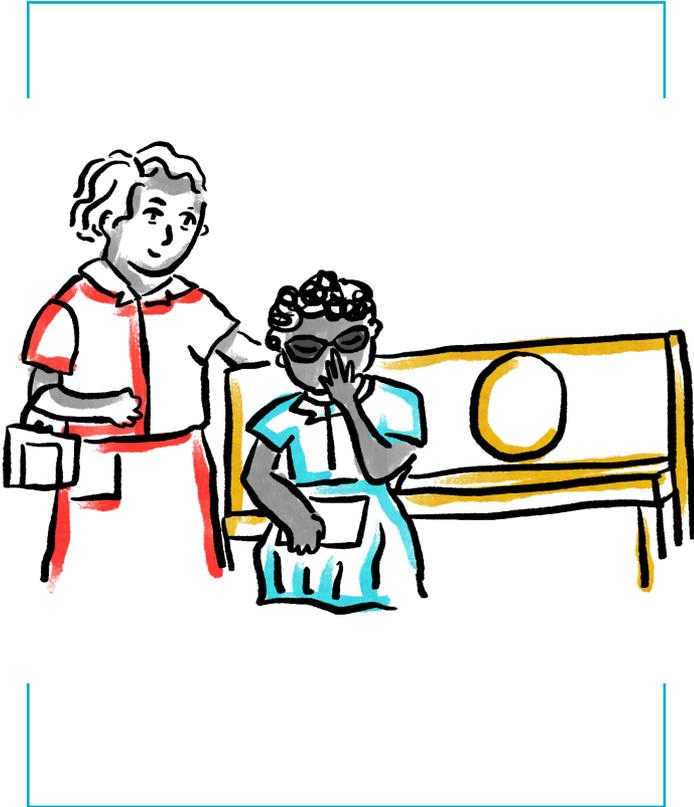


Reading Skills

Sounds

Delete the /s/ in scared.

What word is left?



Elizabeth waits at the bus stop.
Grace Lorch stands behind her with
her arm out to help protect her from
the crowd.

Finally, a woman named Grace Lorch helped Elizabeth get to a bus stop so she could go home.

The next day, she tried again and her friends were there with her. It wasn't easy, people still said mean things. But Elizabeth didn't give up. She finished the school year.



Reading Skills

Phonemic Awareness

How many syllables in “Elizabeth”?

/ee/ /liz/ /a/ /beth/



Schools today are open to everyone.

CHAPTER 3

How did Elizabeth's courage impact her community?

Elizabeth Eckford showed courage. Courage means doing what's right, even when it's hard or scary. Because of Elizabeth, the Little Rock Nine, and other kids like them, schools today are open to everyone.



Reading Skills

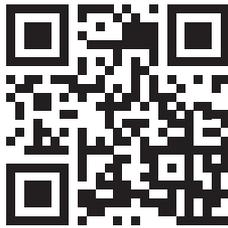
Phonemic Awareness

Delete the /o/ in open.

What word is left?

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