

A letter to a freedom fighter

Dear Ruby Bridges,

I am honored to write to you. There's a writing contest where you're supposed to choose a freedom fighter, and I chose you. Because after I learned about you, you were really interesting and inspiring for what you did. A few days ago, I visited the African American Museum and learned a few more facts about you. I learned how much you went through from going to William Frantz, an all white elementary school. I'm sure you're happy to see how America has changed since you were a little kid, with better integration. I can't believe that at age 6, you were brave enough to walk into an all-white elementary school, with hundreds of angry, grown people yelling at you. Nowadays, in schools, White and Black people are friendly to each other. Even some of my closest friends are white. And it's kind of hard to believe that when you were a little kid, there were such things as "white schools" and "black schools" which makes zero sense to me, especially the fact that "black schools" had a worse quality of education. After I learned about you, I realized I needed to be taking more advantage of the way things are now, because Black people suffered a lot back in the day to fight for equality. Because if you don't have enough education as a kid, then, you will have a higher chance of having a harder life later on. So now that I've learned about you, I understand more about how Black kids like me have gone through a lot, just to get a good education and I should take more advantage of how things are now. I wrote this letter because after hearing what you did, it made me realize how strong we can be. I want you to know that you're really brave, and no matter what negative things people said to you when you were just a little girl, ignore them, because you will always be my hero.

Sincerely,
Sanaa Kamamia