

REFLECTION GUIDE



“THE LIFE OF LANGSTON HIGH SCHOOL”

CONSIDER

- Why do you think that administrators chose to close Langston High School instead of integrating it?
- What was lost when Langston High School was closed? What was gained?
- The motto at Langston School was “Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve.” What does that mean to you?
- How does the tone of the story shift as it’s told?

DIG DEEPER: RESOURCES FOR MORE INFORMATION

“History’s Smallest Soldiers”

Leona Tate, Gail Etienne, and Tessie Prevost were just six years old in 1960, when they were escorted by U.S. marshals into their new elementary school. In 2022, the International Storytelling Center hosted the “McDonogh Three” and Tessie’s mother, Dorothy Prevost, to discuss their experiences on the front lines of desegregation in the deep South.

“Black, Appalachian, and Educated: The Living Legacies of African American Schools”

Watch an International Storytelling Center-produced documentary about the history of education in the South.

“Stories for Change”

In 2022–23, the International Storytelling Center partnered with Langston Centre to produce free workshops and after-school enrichment programming for kids. Learn more about the initiative, which was one of ISC’s community outreach programs.

