

EDUCATORS' GUIDE

“THE SCARBORO 85”



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- When and where does the story take place?
- Who were the Scarboro 85?
- How was L.C. treated when he transferred to Oak Ridge High School?
- Who was Emmett Till? What did he and L.C. have in common?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Consider the statement, “Just because there is not violence, does not mean there is not great harm.” What is the difference between violence and harm?
- What was lost when Langston High School closed? What was gained?
- Have you ever been to a place where you felt unwelcome?
- How can we help people feel welcome in places that are new to them?

ACTIVITY

L.C. and the Scarboro 85 did not experience violence during desegregation. But many of their peers in other places did. Ruby Bridges is a famous example. (If you don't know her story, take a few minutes to do some research.) Would you describe Ruby's experience as similar to L.C.'s? Or different? (You must take a side.) Write a paragraph or two to explain your answer.

RESOURCES

- [“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.
- [“\\$3.2M from State to Be Released After July 1 for Scarboro 85 Monument in Oak Ridge”](#)
Learn more about the state of Tennessee's plans for a monument to honor the Scarboro 85.