

**Virtual History Teacher**  
**Ruby Bridges Test**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: You are playing the role of a history teacher who is grading the test below. See the questions and your “student’s” answers. Grade the quality of the answers on a scale of 1-4, “1” being a poor answer and “4” being a great answer. For each answer you grade, use your knowledge of Benjamin Banneker, or, reference the [mrnussbaum.com](http://mrnussbaum.com) online biography, to add the missing pieces.

<b>Question 1: What was school like for black students before and after 1954?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> It was unfair before 1954 and still unfair after it.	
Your Response:	

<b>Question 2: What was Ruby Bridges’ first day like?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> It was a bad day.	
Your Response:	

<b>Question 3: Why was Ruby Bridges important to the eventual integration of schools?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> She had an impact on future students.	
Your Response:	

Answers:

<b>Question 1: What was school like for black students before and after 1954?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> It was unfair before 1954 and still unfair after it.	
Your Response: Schools were segregated by race before 1954 which deprived black students of the same educational opportunities enjoyed by white students. After 1954, even though schools were supposed to be desegregated, many schools in the Southern United States found ways to keep segregation in place, such as forcing black students to pass difficult entrance exams.	

<b>Question 2: What was Ruby Bridges' first day like?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> It was a bad day.	
Your Response: Ruby's first day was much different from a typical first day for a white student. First, she was escorted to school by federal marshals and had to endure the taunting and cruelty of protesting parents. During the school day, she was shunned by other students and some teachers refused to have her in their classrooms. Ultimately, much of Ruby's day was spent in the principal's office where she was shielded from the commotion.	

<b>Question 3: Why was Ruby Bridges important to the eventual integration of schools?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> She had an impact on future students.	
Your Response: Ruby's courage paved the way for future generations of black students who participated in the integration of America's public schools. In standing up for her right to learn, Ruby challenged an unfair system and ultimately helped countless students.	