

## African American Essay

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There are countless sites that serve as powerful memories of the positive contributions of African Americans to the nation. Some sites or places that are rich in African American history are the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee; the Daisy Bates House in Little Rock, Arkansas; and Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

I am first going to talk about the Lorraine Motel in the city of Memphis, Tennessee the city of Memphis, Tennessee. It was the site where Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot and killed. This was important of African American Memories because he was fighting for something good, African American freedom and equality. He talked about this in his famous speech, "I Have a Dream," and stood in front of everyone at the Washington Monument. This was where he spoke his dream to everyone. This memory is important because it is like a theme in a poem my English teacher gave me, "Always follow your dreams and express them." The poem was called, "Dare To Dream." The Lorraine Motel in the city of Memphis, Tennessee is also important because it reminds people about what Martin Luther King, Jr. did and sacrificed.

The second important African American historical site is the Daisy Bates House in Little Rock, Arkansas. It is important because it was where an African American woman who went against segregation taught nine African Americans to learn and achieve their goals. The nine teenage African Americans were known as the Little Rock Nine. The Bates home became the official pick-up and drop-off site for the Little Rock Nine's trips to and from Central High School each school day. This site is important because it reminds people that not everything is fair and you have to work hard to achieve your goals.

A last important African American historical site is the in Little Rock, Arkansas. This was where the first major confrontation over the implementation of the *Brown vs. Board of Education* 1954 Supreme Court ruling occurred, in 1957. The nine African-American students' persistence in attending the formerly all-white Central High School was the most visible example of the Supreme Court decision and changed history.

Those are some sites and places of African American Memories, but there are many more memories. Just remember that all memories can change history, and more memories can continue to be made.