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There have been many places throughout the world that are important to African American history. The Lincoln Memorial where Marian Anderson sang and Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous 'I Have a Dream' speech. The Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station where there was an attack on Freedom Riders. The William Frantz Elementary School was where Ruby Bridges was the one of the first African American children to go to an all-white school. There are many places important to African American memory, but one of the most prominent is Little Rock Central High School.

Little Rock Central High School was an all-white school in Little Rock, Arkansas. Soon that was going to change. On May 17, 1954 the Supreme Court ruled that segregation was unconstitutional and all schools were to be integrated immediately, it was shocking. The NAACP (National Association of Advancement of Colored People) convinced the school board of Little Rock Arkansas to start a slow integration process in their schools. During that time nine students Minnijean Brown, Elizabeth Eckford, Ernest Green, Thelma Mothershed, Melba Patillo, Gloria Ray, Terrence Roberts, Jefferson Thomas, and Carlotta Wells enrolled in Little Rock Central High School. They were recruited by a woman named Daisy Gatson Bates president of the Arkansas NAACP. On the first day of school Governor Faubus called down the Arkansas National Guard to stop the students from entering the school. The President finally persuaded the Governor to remove the National Guard. On May 25 1958 Ernest Green graduated from Little Rock High School as the only senior among the Little Rock Nine.

Little Rock Central High School is an extremely important place in African American history. It changed the way African Americans thought about their rights. It helped them understand that many people were on their side and willing to help them gain equality. And if they fought for their rights, and persevered they would get their rights. The events that took place at Little Rock Central High School, inspired people everywhere to fight for their equality.

What happened at Little Rock Central High School truly inspired the African American community. Although Little Rock High School was only a small part of helping African Americans gain equal rights, I believe it was a necessary part in working toward a nation where people, as Martin Luther King said, "-will not be judged by the color of their skin, but the content of their character."