



DAISY BATES: CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

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Did You Know? In the 1960s, Bates moved to Washington, D.C. to help President Lyndon B. Johnson create anti-poverty programs.

Daisy Bates was an African-American civil rights activist and writer who documented the battle to end segregation in Arkansas in the 1950s. Born on November 11, 1914, Bates first became involved in the Civil Rights movement when she and her husband operated the Arkansas State Press, a weekly African-American newspaper. In 1952, Bates became the president of the Arkansas chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Bates was instrumental in the movement to desegregate schools when she sheltered and supported African-American students attending the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. Bates continued to fight for school integration and is best remembered as a guiding force behind one of the biggest civil rights battles in United States history.



**“Surely the world we live in is but
the world that lives in us.”**