

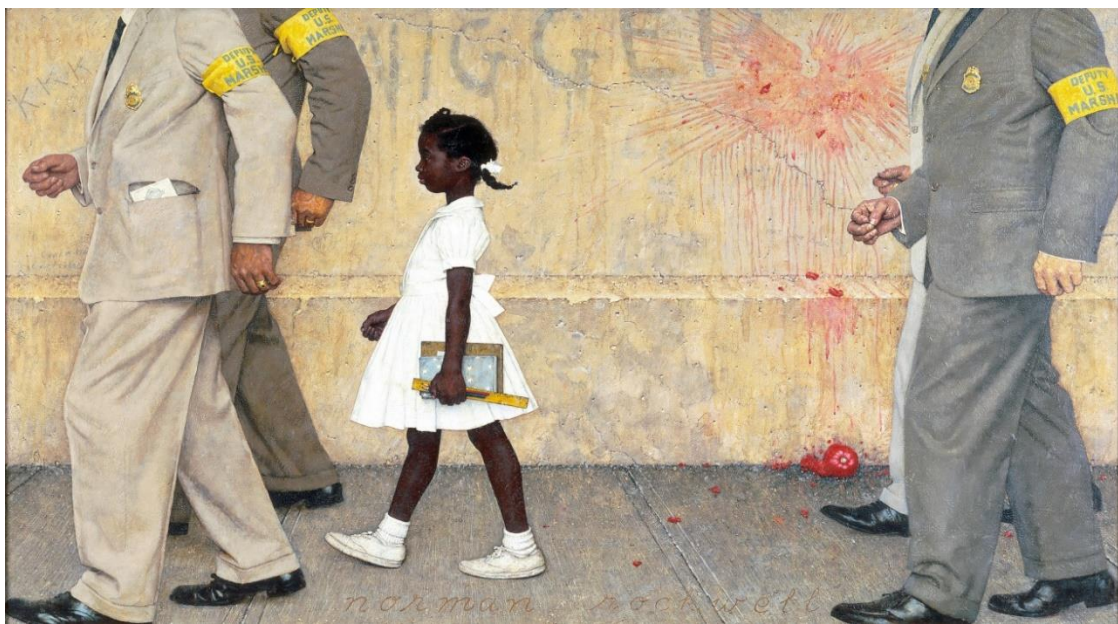
## Ruby Bridges



Courtesy AP/Wide World Photos



Ruby Bridges, a six-year-old African-American girl is shown on her way into and out of an all-white public school in New Orleans on November 14, 1960 during the process of racial desegregation.



The Problem We All Live With by Norman Rockwell (1964)

<http://www.nrm.org/collections-2/art-norman-rockwell/>

### President Obama Meets Civil Rights Icon Ruby Bridges

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2011/07/15/president-obama-meets-civil-rights-icon-ruby-bridges>

When [Ruby Bridges](#) visited the Oval Office on July 15, President Obama told her:

"I think it's fair to say that if it wasn't for you guys, I wouldn't be here today."

November 14, 2010 marked the 50th anniversary of six-year-old Ruby's history-changing walk to the William Franz Public School in New Orleans as part of court-ordered integration in 1960. Bridges was at the White House to see how a painting commemorating this personal and historic milestone looks hanging on the wall outside of the Oval Office. American artist Norman Rockwell was criticized by some when this painting first appeared on the cover of Look magazine on January 14, 1964.

