

Carlotta's Special Dress

*How a Walk to School
Changed Civil Rights History*

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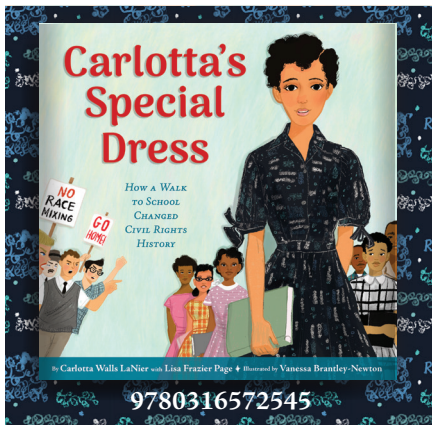
Carlotta's uncle gave her mother money for a first day of school outfit.

If you could design your first day of school outfit, what would it look like? Use the space below to draw your design.

Carlotta wants to make her family proud in her special new outfit. What are some ways you make your family proud?

Carlotta is one of the first Black students to attend this new school. What other historical moments do you know of that are similar to Carlotta's story? Why is her (and their) story so important?





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Because of racism, Carlotta and the other Black students are unable to attend their school. What would you do if you witnessed what happened to Carlotta and her friends? How would you use your voice?

Today, Carlotta's special dress is in a museum. How might Carlotta's dress and story inspire other young people?

Why is Carlotta and the Little Rock Nine's story so important? How might things be different if they had decided to just give up?

Think of the things you've done that you are proud of. Maybe you helped a friend at recess, maybe you spoke up when you saw someone do something wrong. What article of clothing would you put in a museum that would tell others about what you've done? Write two-three sentences that would explain/describe the item to museum visitors.

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