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DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. The Blossom Plan for integration of Little Rock schools in 1957. Assessment of Governor Orval Faubus' role in the entire school crisis. Impact of outsiders on the crisis. The teacher purge in spring of 1959. Reopening the public schools in fall of 1959: cooperation from local police and newsmedia; physical harassment from opponents of school integration. Concept of neighborhood schools, and the busing of school children.

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