**A Young Woman on a Bench**

**Questions:**

1. When and where were the two photos taken? Who are the individuals in the photos? See the short photo descriptions and “Introduction” for more information.
2. Examine the two photos. What is happening in each of them? Who are the people surrounding the young woman on the bench? What are they doing?
3. How would you describe the young woman on the bench? What emotions can you see in her face and in her body language?
4. Compare the two photos. What similarities and differences between them do you see?
5. Compare L.C. Bates and Grace Lorch, the two individuals who accompany Eckford. Note that Bates is sitting calmly next to Eckford while Lorch is standing and actively shielding Eckford. How would you interpret this difference in their behavior?
6. What do these two photos tell you about the experience of black Americans in Arkansas in the 1950s? What do they tell you about the experience of black youth at the time?
7. Elizabeth Eckford was fifteen years old when these two pictures were taken. What does her story tell us about the role of youth in the civil rights movement? What does her story tell us about Arkansas and the United States in the 1950s?