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The Struggle for Integration After the Ruling (BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION)

Answer Key

1. The phrase allowed states to delay integration because it was not specific or urgent in tone.

2. c) Dwight D. Eisenhower

3. (Sample answer) The Little Rock Nine were the first Black students to attend Central High School in Arkansas. Their courage and the violence they faced brought national attention to the struggle for integration. It highlighted the extreme resistance in the South and showed that federal enforcement was needed to uphold the law.

4. Here are the 4 cited strategies:

- Delaying tactics or stalling desegregation plans
- Shutting down public schools
- Creating private "segregation academies"
- Threatening or intimidating Black families

5. Seeing the Little Rock Nine on TV shocked many Americans and made the conflict real and emotional. The media helped turn public opinion and increased support for civil rights legislation.

6. They faced threats, violence, social rejection, and unequal resources in schools even after they were admitted.

7. (Sample answer) Yes, federal action was necessary because many local governments refused to follow the ruling. Without pressure and enforcement from the federal level, integration would have been blocked completely in some areas. The Constitution guarantees equal protection, and when states violate that, it's up to the federal government to intervene. The president's decision to send troops in Little Rock showed that the government was serious about civil rights.