

# Rosa Parks

American Activist

- Rosa Parks was a civil rights activist who refused to surrender her seat to a white passenger on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama.

- Rosa Parks defiance when she would not give up her seat to a white passenger sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

- The success of the Montgomery Bus Boycott launched a nationwide effort to end racial segregation of public facilities.

- Rosa Parks received many awards during her lifetime as a leader of the civil rights movement, including the NAACP's highest award.

- Rosa Parks was born Rosa Louise McCauley on February 14, 1913 in Tuskegee, Alabama.

- Both of Rosa Parks' grandparents were former slaves and strong advocates for racial equality.

- On December 1, 1955, after a long day's work as a seamstress, Rosa Parks boarded a bus for home. She took a seat in the first row of several rows designated for "colored" passengers.

- The City Code required that all public transportation be segregated and that bus drivers had the "powers of a police officer of the city while in actual charge of any bus for the purposes of carrying out the provisions" of the code.

- The bus drivers assigned seats by placing a line in the middle of the bus separating white passengers in the front of the bus and African-American passengers in the back.

- When an African-American passenger boarded the bus, they had to get on at the front to pay their fare and then get off and re-board the bus at the back door.

- Eventually, the bus was full and the driver noticed several white passengers were standing in the aisle. The driver asked Rosa Parks and 3 other passengers to give up their seats. Rosa Parks refused and remained seated. The bus driver had her arrested.



# Rosa Parks Quotes

- Stand for something or you will fall for anything.  
Today's mighty oak is yesterday's nut that held its  
ground.

- You must never be fearful about what you are  
doing when it is right.

- I have learned over the years that when one's  
mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing  
what must be done does away with fear.

- I would like to be remembered as a person who  
wanted to be free..... so other people would also be  
free.

- I believe we are here on the planet Earth to live, grow up and do what  
we can to make this world a better place for all people to enjoy freedom.

- Whatever my individual desires were to be free, I was not alone.

There were many others who felt the same way.

- There is just so much hurt, disappointment, and oppression one can  
take... The line between reason and madness grows thinner.

- Each person must live their life as a model for others.

- Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others.

- I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom  
and equality and justice and prosperity for all people.

- People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but  
that isn't true. I was not tired physically.. No, the only tired I was, was tired  
of giving in.

- I was a person with dignity and self-respect, and I should not set my  
sights lower than anybody else just because I was black.

- Have you ever been hurt and the place tries to heal a bit, and you just  
pull the scar off of it over and over again.

- As far back as I can remember, I knew there was something wrong with  
our way of life when people could be mistreated because of the color of  
their skin.



# Rosa Parks Questions

Fill in the blanks.

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3. Rosa Parks was born on \_\_\_\_\_ 14, 1913.
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8. Rosa Parks was asked by the \_\_\_\_\_ to give up her seat.
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10. The success of the Montgomery \_\_\_\_\_ Boycott launched a nationwide effort to end racial segregation of public facilities.
11. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat and was \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The bus drivers had the " \_\_\_\_\_ of a police officer of the city while in actual charge of any bus for the purposes of carrying out the provisions" of the code.

# Rosa Parks Word Search

Find all the words!

R L F S E D R L V G Q D J E H Y D R A S  
Q X M Z M O F S R O S A S Y J A E X L Q  
T M Z I V B A N F B V K V C Z N T B A O  
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T C T O T G J I Z B H Z M C I G U A I Y  
Q I I A F I D P T C P I W X S P T H F Z  
N Z H E M L G N O R T S Y H E B R H M X

Rosa

Parks

Montgomery

Alabama

Tuskegee

Advocates

Strong

Bus

Passenger

Driver

Arrested

February

Louise

Awards

Seamstress

# Rosa Parks Word Scramble

Unscramble the words below.

1. oRsa

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2. srkPa

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3. gMtornyemo

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4. laAmaba

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5. eegTkues

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6. vceaAtsod

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7. nogtrS

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8. suB

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9. sraensePg

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10. Dervir

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11. rtedersA

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12. rurFaybe

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13. eisLou

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14. dAarws

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15. Ssaemserst

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