

ROSA PARKS

Treasure Hunt Teacher's notes


Introduction

Rosa Parks, the soft-spoken icon of the U.S. civil rights movement, died on October 31, 2005 at her home in Detroit, Michigan, at age 92. In 1955 the African-American seamstress refused to surrender her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama, spurring civil rights supporters to boycott city buses.

In order to introduce the subject, you can study the history of **Civil Rights**. You will find information on this page. [Click here](#)

Lesson plan




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Read the story about Rosa Parks and answer the following questions. This work can be done in one or two hours. Pupils will work in pairs or in teams sharing the questions. Each team will of course give the answers to the whole group.

 Download the **student worksheet** and give it to the pupils 

 **Download a map of the US** and give one to each pupil.

 Ask them to answer the questions on the student worksheet. They will find the answers by reading the 3 pages of Rosa Parks' story.

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What day changed her life? December 1, 1955,



What happened on the bus? She sat down and refused to give up her seat to a white passenger.



Why was this forbidden? Because of an Alabama law requiring black people to relinquish seats to white people when the bus was full.



What happened to Rosa Parks? she was arrested for civil disobedience.



What did all Black people decide to do then? Her arrest sparked a 381-day boycott of the Montgomery bus system.

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What was Rosa Park's job? She worked as a tailor's assistant (a seamstress).



What political group was she involved in? she was active in the Montgomery Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

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Who became the leader of the boycott? The new pastor at the local Dexter Avenue Baptist Church became the leader of the boycott. His name was Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. King



What kind of reaction did he claim? What was the expression he used? Martin Luther King insisted on non-violent action to achieve the goal of justice. he said: "We must use the weapon of love,"



What was the ultimate consequence of the boycott? In December 1956, the Supreme Court banned segregation on public transportation.



How long did the boycott last? The boycott ended over a year after it had begun.




How is Rosa Parks often called because of this boycott? Rosa Parks became known as the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement."

Now visit [this site](https://www.nationalgeographic.com)  NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC.COM

Watch a video about Rosa Parks and the civil rights movement and write a summary of it.

 Describe the following picture of [Rosa Parks on the MSN Encarta website](#).

 Now you can learn and sing, *We shall overcome*.