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Rosa's Courageous Ride



Once upon a time, in the southern city of Montgomery, Alabama, there was a brave woman named Rosa Parks. Rosa lived in a world very different from the one we know today. In those

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White passengers, and in the back, there were seats for African Americans. If white passengers didn't have enough seats, African Americans were told to give up their seats and stand, no matter how tired they were.

One day, on December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks had had enough. She had just finished a long day at work and was exhausted. She sat down in the "colored" section of the bus, just like she always did. But when the bus driver told her to give up her seat to a White passenger, something inside Rosa stirred.

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Rosa Parks, with a voice full of determination, said, "no." This simple word, "no," started something big. The bus driver was angry and called the police. Rosa was arrested for not following the unfair bus rules.

Rosa's arrest made people all over Montgomery angry. African American leaders in the city decided they couldn't let this injustice continue. They called for a

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unconstitutional. The boycott was a big win for civil rights and fairness.

The story of Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott teaches us that even in the face of injustice, one person's courage can inspire many. Rosa Parks and the others who joined the boycott were ordinary people who did something extraordinary. Their bravery and determination inspired others, and their legacy still inspires us today.

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- 1) What was the immediate consequence of Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her bus seat?
- a) She was awarded a medal.
 - b) She was arrested.

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- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- c) 181 days
 - d) 381 days
- 4) Write T if the statements are true and F if they are false.
- a) Rosa Parks worked as a teacher. _____
 - b) The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that segregation on buses was fair and constitutional. _____
 - c) The Montgomery Bus Boycott was an important victory for civil rights. _____

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5) What was Rosa's job, and how did she usually go home after work?

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- 8) Why do you think it's important to remember the story of Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott today?
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