

Rosa Parks

(1913 – 2005)

No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in.



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



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.

Rosa Louise McCauley was born on 4 February 1913 in Tuskegee, Alabama. African Americans and whites were segregated at this time in America. In 1932, Rosa married a barber named Raymond Parks. He was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The NAACP worked to make life better and fairer for African Americans.

On the 1st December 1955 Parks took the bus home from her job as a seamstress. Montgomery city buses then had three sections of seats: a front section for whites, a back section for blacks and a middle section. When the driver told Parks to give a white man her seat, she refused. The driver called the police, and Parks was arrested, jailed and fined. The arrest angered African Americans in Montgomery. They met in churches and talked about what to do. Soon, they decided to boycott the buses.

This was called the Montgomery Bus Boycott. It lasted for 381 days. The state was losing so much money that the government decided to end the unfair segregation on the buses. Her small actions made history and they acted as a catalyst for the Civil Right Movement. She was awarded the presidential Medal of Freedom in 1999.

1. Underline your title.
2. Make your title bold and font size 20.
3. Find her mugshot online and a picture of her receiving her presidential medal.
4. Pick a callout and put a quote from Rosa Parks in. Do this three times with different quotes and make sure that each callout is filled with a different colour.
5. Type up your encyclopaedia entry that you created at home Make sure you make any corrections that you need to. Once you've typed up it all up, make sure you select a sensible font size.
6. Centre all the text.

Challenge

Put a frame around your text.