

Rosa Parks



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Women of Peace Rosa Parks Fact Sheet

Rosa was born on February 4th 1913 in the United States of America. She grew up on a farm. She had to stop going to high school to look after her grandmother and later her mother, when they both became poorly.

Where she lived was very racist. This means people who were black were treated differently. There was a lot of separation between black and white people. A law was made where Rosa lived called The Jim Crow Law. This meant that in shops, cafes and buses, people who were black had to use different seats and doors to people who were white. This is called segregation.

After Rosa married, she worked many different jobs and finished high school in order to graduate.

In 1943 she joined The Civil Rights movement, which was fighting for equal rights for everyone no matter their skin colour. Rosa fought for women's equal rights too. At that time black women could not vote in a political election where she lived. She also worked for racial justice, which means everyone is treated the same by police and the law no matter what their skin colour.

One day after work when she was 42 years old, she got on a bus and sat in the section for people who were black. The driver told her and three others to get up and move to the back of the bus because people who were white wanted to sit down. Rosa said later that "when that white driver.....ordered us up and out of our seats, I felt a determination cover my body like a quilt in winter". While the other three people moved, Rosa stayed in her seat. She was tired of being bossed around and treated unfairly. The driver called the police and they arrested her.

Her arrest sparked a protest. People who were black stopped using the buses, this is called a boycott. No black person used the buses for 381 days. This meant the bus company lost lots of money. The protest resulted in the law separating people on buses to be stopped.

Rosa was asked to speak at many places and used the money she got from that to help the civil rights cause.

Word Search

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Answer the questions to find the words you search for.

1. What month was Rosa born?
2. Where did she grow up?
3. What was the law called that separated black and white people?
4. What is it called when you separate black and white people?
5. In 1943 what movement did Rosa join?
6. What mode of transport did Rosa take home from work?
7. Fill in the blanks. I felt a _____ cover my body like a _____ in winter.
8. Who did the driver call when Rosa wouldn't leave her seat?
9. What is a protest called that involves people stopping doing something?