



THE BUS RIDE THAT CHANGED HISTORY
The Story of Rosa Parks

Have the students use the dictionary to find out what the words ‘discrimination’ and ‘prejudice’ mean.

Then read the book aloud.

Rosa Parks knew that the police would arrest her if she didn’t give up her seat to the white man. Ask them to write a short paragraph explaining if they think Rosa Parks was silly to do what she did or was she very brave.

Why do they think Mrs. Parks made the decision to defy the bus driver on that day, even though she had always obeyed the law up until then?

Why do they think the author used the children at the foot of each page? Was this helpful to the story?

Ask them to pretend to be a newspaper reporter covering the incident.

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You are the star reporter for the DAILY RECORD. You were on the scene when Mrs. Rosa Parks, a black woman, refused to stand up and give her seat to a white man. This is your exclusive report.

HEADLINE:

CHARACTER:

WHAT DID SHE DO?

WHEN DID SHE DO IT?

WHERE DID SHE DO IT?

WHY THIS HAS CHANGED HISTORY:

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