

# Knowledge Organiser - The life of Rosa Parks

## Significant People and Places



Rosa Parks

Rosa Parks is known for standing up for people's rights as part of the Civil Rights Movement. This was a time in the 1950s and 1960s in which many fought for Black people to be treated equally to White people.



Montgomery Bus Boycott

On 1st December 1955, when Rosa was 42, she was asked to give up her seat on a busy bus for a White man. She refused to move and was then arrested by the police. People were angered by how Rosa was treated. Many Black people began to boycott the buses in the city of Montgomery, where Rosa lived, to protest too.



Jim Crow Laws

The bus boycott was successful in removing segregation from buses. On 13th November 1956, the American government passed laws that removed segregation from buses. These laws were called the 'Jim Crow Laws'.

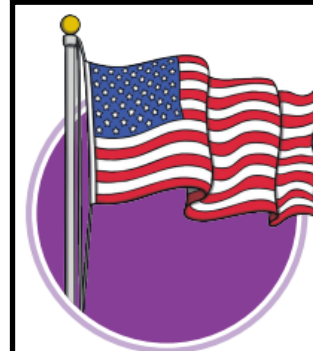


Montgomery, Alabama

Rosa was born on 4th February 1913 in Alabama, United States. In this place, there were separate places for people depending on the colour of their skin. There were different libraries, parks and even schools for Black people and for White people. The laws in place at the time stopped Black people from having equal rights.

### Key Vocabulary

1	<b>Activism</b>	Action taken challenging those in power to bring about change in society and benefit the greater good.
2	<b>Racism</b>	Racism is where someone treats another person differently because their skin colour.
3	<b>Legacy</b>	Something that happened in the past or that comes from someone in the past.
4	<b>Boycott</b>	To refuse to take part in or buy something, in order to protest.
5	<b>Laws</b>	A set of instructions put in place to keep people safe, maintain order in society through good behaviour, and protect rights and property.
6	<b>Supreme Court</b>	A court in the United States where important decisions are made.



### Rosa Parks (1913-2005)

"I would like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free... so other people would be also free."

