

Knowledge Organiser - Rosa Parks

Rosa Parks was an African American civil rights activist who played an important role in the fight for equal rights in the United States. In 1955, she refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, and was arrested. Her actions led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott, where African Americans refused to ride buses for over a year. This peaceful protest helped end bus segregation and became an important moment in the Civil Rights Movement.








Civil Rights Movement

		
Rosa Parks	Martin Luther King Jr.	Malcolm X
		
John Lewis	Thurgood Marshall	Ruby Bridges

Key Vocabulary

segregation	Keeping people apart because of their skin colour.
civil rights	The right to be treated fairly.
equality	Everyone being treated the same.
protest	Showing you think something is unfair.
racism	Treating someone badly because of their skin colour.
activist	A person who works to make things fair for others.

Timeline

				
1913 – Rosa Parks was born on February 4 in Alabama, USA.	1943 – She joined the NAACP, a group working for equal rights for Black people.	1955 – Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat and was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama.	1956 – The Montgomery Bus Boycott ended, and bus segregation was ruled illegal.	2005 – Rosa Parks died on October 24, remembered as a hero of the Civil Rights Movement.