

ROSA PARKS

INFORMATION TEXT

Rosa Parks was a black woman from Alabama in America. She is famous because she stood up for what she believed in and this began to change the world for black people.

In 1950s Alabama, racism existed which meant there were rules for black and white people. One of the rules was that black and white people had to be segregated.

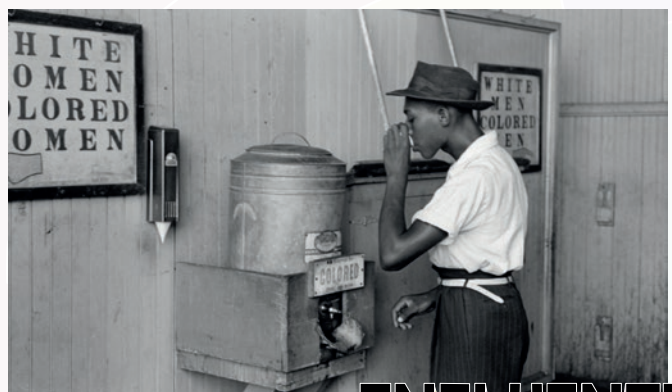


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Segregation meant that people of different coloured skin had different schools, restaurants and even different toilets!

Racism is when someone thinks they are better than another person because of the colour of their skin or race. They treat you differently.

Black and white people had to sit apart on buses and the rule was if the seats on a bus were all full, a black person had to give up their seat so that a white person could sit down.



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Rosa was using the bus one day and sat in a black seat. The bus was full and the driver asked her to give her seat to a white person but Rosa refused. She stood up for what she believed in. She wanted black and white people to be treated the same.



Rosa was arrested and sent to jail for a few hours. Her actions started a civil rights movement and there was a bus boycott. This meant that black people didn't use the bus for one year and walked instead. This cost the bus company lots of money.



This peaceful stand against racism meant that new laws were made which meant that separate parts of buses were no longer allowed. Rosa's brave stand had helped black people and began to stop segregation.

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COMPREHENSION



1. Where was Rosa Parks from?

2. What is racism? Tick one.

When people are treated differently because of their race.	☐
When all people help each other.	☐

3. What was the segregation rule for people on buses?

4. What did Rosa do to stand up for black people's rights?

5. How did the bus boycott help black people?

