

Year 1 History: Significant People

Rosa Parks

1 December 1955: Rosa refused to give up her seat to a white man that boarded the bus she was on. People were segregated by the colour of their skin and Rosa argued that it was wrong. She was arrested by police and ordered to pay a fine, but she refused.

Bus Boycott: In protest to Rosa's arrest, a bus boycott was started that lasted over a year. It was a very difficult time for the people protesting as many did not own cars and had to walk great distances rather than go on the bus. They also faced criticism and aggression from some people in the community.

Changing rules: It worked and the rules around segregation on buses in Alabama were changed. Unfortunately for Rosa she continued to face aggression in her hometown, so she and her husband had to move away. But people all around the world are grateful and proud of the stand she made.



activist

a person who brings about change

civil rights

everyone has the right to be treated fairly

boycott

to stop doing/using something in protest

segregation

separating people

protest

disapproving of or objecting to something

freedom

the power to speak and think as you want to

significant

important



4 February 1913

Rosa Parks is born



1 December 1955

Rosa refuses to give up her seat on the bus



5 December 1955

Montgomery Bus Boycott begins



6 August 1991

Rosa awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom