

Rosa Parks



Rosa was born on 4th February 1913 and lived for 92 years in the United States. She is known for making a stand which helped to make life fairer for black people.

What Was Rosa's Family Like?

Rosa's mum worked as a teacher and her dad worked as a carpenter. When she was young, her parents separated and Rosa went to live on her grandparent's farm with her mum and her brother.

What Was Life like for Rosa?

Rosa lived at a time when life was very different for black and white people in the United States. Black people were treated very unfairly. People were separated because of the colour of their skin and made to go to different schools, churches and even public toilets.

Why Was Rosa Arrested?

Black and white people also had to sit in different seats on the bus. The white people got on the bus first and could sit at the front while black people had to sit in the seats towards the back of the bus.

On the 1st December 1955, the bus driver told Rosa to move from her seat for a white person. She refused to move and so was arrested by the police.

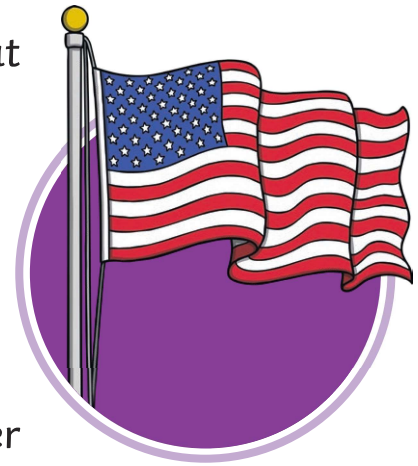


When Rosa was released, she helped to arrange a protest. Thousands of black people stopped using the buses to travel. The protest lasted for 381 days until it was agreed by the government

that all people were allowed to sit in any seat on the city buses.

When Is Rosa Parks Day?

Each year, Rosa Parks Day is celebrated in some American states for her stand to help the rights of black people. Some states celebrate the day on her birthday. Some other states remember the date she was arrested.



Questions

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- helping to make sure all children could go to school
- helping to make sure women had good jobs

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