Keystage history

Knowledge organiser

Rosa Parks Year 1





Rosa Parks

Why we are learning about Rosa Parks

You are learning about Rosa because she was an African-American woman, and she was one of the most important leaders in the Civil Rights Movement in America. Black Americans were not treated the same as white people. On 1st December 1955, she refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white person. She was arrested and this led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott when black (and some white) people refused to use the bus. Rosa's actions led to the government deciding that black people should be treated the same as white people on buses. As part of the Civil Rights Movement, Rosa Parks helped to change other rules and laws so that everyone was treated the same.

1913	December 1st 1955	December 5 th 1955	December 1955- December 1956	2005
Rosa Parks was born in Alabama, USA on 4 th February.	Rosa was told to give up her seat on a bus for a White person but she refused.	Rosa was charged with breaking the rules and causing trouble. She was found guilty and fined.	The bus boycott took place. Black people showed their support for Rosa, by refusing to use the buses. The boycott lasted	Rosa Parks died on 24 th October.
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Key vocabulary		
Slavery	When someone owns someone else and makes them do whatever they ask.	
Coloured	What black people were called in America.	
Whites	People with white skin.	
African- American	Americans who are descendants of African slaves.	
Protest	To complain and show that you disagree with something.	
Bus Boycott	When people refused to use the buses and walked in protest instead.	
Equality	When everyone is treated the same (equally).	
Segregation	Separating and keeping apart black and white people.	
The Civil Rights Movement	The struggle for African-Americans to be treated equally.	
Discrimination	When people are treated differently because of the colour of their skin.	

Top takeaways

In this topic you will learn:

- **1.** You will know what special thing Rosa did to change history.
- **2.** You will know about Rosa's early life and character.
- **3.** You will know about all the ways black people were discriminated against.
- **4.** You will be able to explain why Rosa protested on that day.
- **5.** You will be able to explain how Rosa's actions led to change for black people's lives.
- **6.** You will be able to identify significant events in Rosa's life.