Reading biographies

1. Write the past tense of the following verbs:

arrest	_____	leave	_____
attend	_____	live	_____
be	_____	receive	_____
die	_____	refuse	_____
give	_____	start	_____
have	_____		

2. Complete the biography of Rosa Parks with the past tense form of the verbs from exercise 1.

Rosa Parks

Rosa Parks was an incredible African-American civil rights activist who 1._____ born in Alabama, USA in 1913. Rosa 2._____ school but stopped studying as a young teenager to look after her grandmother. As a child Rosa experienced discrimination because of her skin colour and 3._____ in constant fear of terrible groups like the Klu Klux Klan.

At the time, laws in America were very racist and black people 4._____ to sit in separate areas on buses away from white people.

On December 1, 1955, Rosa 5._____ to give up her seat to a white man. The police 6._____ Rosa for civil disobedience and fined her $10. Her arrest 7._____ one of the largest and most successful movements against racial segregation in history and 8._____ her an iconic status in American culture.

Over the years, Rosa 9._____ many awards for her activism, including the prestigious Martin Luther King Jr. award and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Rosa 10._____ in 2005, but 12._____ us with this message: '*I believe we are here on the planet Earth to live, grow up and do what we can to make this world a better place for all people to enjoy freedom.*'

3. Use the information in the text to answer the questions. Are they true or false?

a)	Rosa Parks was a white civil rights activist.	True	False
b)	Rosa Parks had an easy childhood.	True	False
c)	Rosa Parks was arrested in 1913.	True	False
d)	The movement against racial segregation was successful.	True	False
e)	Rosa Parks was born in 1913.	True	False
f)	Rosa Parks wasn't arrested.	True	False
g)	Rosa Parks died in 1955.	True	False
h)	Rosa Parks left us with an important teaching.	True	False