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Reading Comprehension

Sequence of Events

### Rosa Park's Bus Ride

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1955, an African American woman named Rosa Parks was riding the bus home from work. A white man was standing up on the crowded bus. The driver demanded that Parks give up her seat. At the time, the law in many places in the South said that African Americans had to give up their seats to white people. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat. She was tired of giving in to laws that were unfair.

Parks was arrested and found guilty of disorderly conduct. Four days later, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., organized a bus **boycott**. African Americans did not patronize city buses for over a year. Finally, the court ruled that African Americans no longer had to give up their seats to white people.

Read the passage above. Answer each question below.

1. What is another title for the passage above?
  - a. Freedom Ride
  - b. White People
  - c. Sweet Home Alabama

2. Where was Rosa Parks going when she got on the bus?
  - a. To work
  - b. To a friend's house
  - c. To her home
  
3. How long did it take the court to rule that African Americans no longer have to give up her seats?
  - a. 2 years
  - b. 1 year
  - c. 6 months
  
4. What does the term **boycott** mean in the second paragraph?
  - a. To stop spending money for bus rides
  - b. To stop going to work
  - c. To spend time with boys on buses
  
5. Choose the clue word below from the passage that stands for **lastly**.
  - a. Later
  - b. Finally
  - c. At the time

Put the sentences below in sequence. Use the numbers 1,2,3, 4, 5.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rosa Parks got arrested for not giving up her seat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rosa Parks got on a bus to go home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ African Americans boycotted the bus service.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Finally, the court ruled that African Americans no longer had to give up their seats.