

**Student A      The Woman who Changed a Nation**

\_\_\_\_\_ (**when**), a woman left work and boarded a bus for home. She was *tired*; her feet ached. But this was \_\_\_\_\_ (**where**), Alabama, in 1955, and as the bus became crowded, the woman, a black African-American, was ordered to give up her seat to \_\_\_\_\_ (**who**). But she remained seated, and that simple decision eventually led to the disintegration of institutionalised segregation in the South, bringing in a *new era* of the civil rights movement.

The white \_\_\_\_\_ (**who**) warned Rosa Parks, "Well, I'm going to have you arrested," and she replied, "You may go on and do so." Parks was 42 years old when she refused to \_\_\_\_\_ (**what**). She has insisted that her feet were not aching; she was, by her own testimony, no more tired than usual. And she did not plan her fateful act: "I did not get on the bus to get arrested," she has said. "I got on the bus *to go home*."

Montgomery's segregation laws were *complex*: black people were required to pay their \_\_\_\_\_ (**what**) to the driver, then get off and get on again through the back door. Sometimes the bus would drive off before the paid-up customers made it to the back entrance. If the white section was full and another white customer entered, blacks were required to give up their seats and move \_\_\_\_\_ (**where**); a *black person* was not even allowed to sit across the aisle from whites. These humiliations were made worse by the fact that *two-thirds* of the bus riders in Montgomery were black.

"It was just not right, and I was tired of it," wrote Parks in her 1994 book \_\_\_\_\_ (**what name**). "I kept thinking about my mother and my grandparents, and how strong they were."

The rest of Parks' story is American history... her arrest and trial, a \_\_\_\_\_ (**how long**) Montgomery bus boycott, and, finally, the Supreme Court's ruling in November 1956 that segregation on public transport was unlawful.

Rosa Parks died on 24 October 2005. The U.S. Congress called her \_\_\_\_\_ (**what**)

**MY QUESTIONS**

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