



Rosa Parks

"The Woman Who Changed a Nation"



ROSA'S SIMPLE ACT OF PROTEST HELPED BRING ABOUT (CREAR) AMERICA'S CIVIL RIGHTS REVOLUTION.

1. Vocabulary: Match the words to their definitions. The first one has been done for you.
(Unan las frases con sus definiciones, la 2 está hecha.)

1. SEGREGATION	A. Complicated
2. DISINTEGRATION	B. Abstain from commercial or social relations with (a country, organization, or person) as a punishment or protest.
3. HUMILIATION	C. Having an important effect on the future
4. BOYCOTT	D. A formal statement that something is true
5. TESTIMONY	E. A feeling of embarrassment and shame because of somebody's attitude or behaviour towards you.
6. FATEFUL	F. Separating people of different races
7. COMPLEX	G. Breaking up into small pieces

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2. Now read the text: "The Woman who Changed a Nation" (lee el texto)

One December evening, a woman left work and took a bus home. This was Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955, and as the bus became crowded, the woman, a black African-American, was ordered to **give up** (ceder) her seat to a white passenger. But she remained seated, and that simple decision eventually led to *the disintegration of segregation in the South, bringing in a new era of the civil rights movement.*

The white bus driver **warned** (advirtió) Rosa Parks, "Well, I'm going to have you arrested". Parks was 42 years old when she refused to give up her seat. 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 fare** (pagar el ticket) to the driver, then **get off and get on** (bajarse y subirse) again **through the back door** (por la puerta trasera). If the white section was full and another white customer entered, blacks were required to give up their seats and move farther to the back; a black person **was not even allowed** (no se permitía)

to sit across the aisle (sentarse frente al pasillo) from whites. These humiliations were made worse by the fact that ***two-thirds of the bus riders in Montgomery were black.***

A group named ***the Montgomery Improvement Association***, composed of **local civil rights activists** and ministers, **organized the boycott of the Montgomery bus system**. Since African Americans made up about 75 percent of the riders in Montgomery, the boycott posed a serious economic threat to the company and a social threat to white rule in the city. **Their leader**, was a young Baptist minister: ***Martin Luther King***. The boycott lasted 381 day. In December 1956 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that *the segregation law was unconstitutional* and the Montgomery ***buses were integrated***. *The Montgomery Bus Boycott was the beginning of a revolutionary era of non-violent mass protests in support of civil rights in the United States.*

Rosa Parks died on 24 October 2005.

The U.S. Congress called her the "Mother of the Modern-Day Civil Rights Movement."

3. **Now answer (in Spanish) about the reading**

a) ¿De dónde era Rosa Parks? _____

b) ¿Por qué fue arrestada? Nombra el año de su arresto. _____

c) ¿Cómo debían utilizar el transporte las personas negras en esas épocas? ¿Dónde debían sentarse? ¿Qué debían hacer si subía una persona blanca al colectivo? **(todo según el texto leído)**

d) ¿Qué organización realizó un boicot por 381 días? ¿Por qué fue efectivo ese boicot? ¿A quién perjudicaba económicamente?

e) ¿Quién estaba al frente del boicot como líder de la propuesta? _____

f) ¿Qué edad tenía Rosa Parks cuando murió? _____

g) ¿Cuándo fue declarada inconstitucional la ley de segregación o separación racial?

4. **Look at the video about Martin Luther King** (mirar el video de Martin Luther King)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ZjKfDJ6UJA

5. **Here are some parts of the poem "I HAVE A DREAM". Match them with the correct translation in Spanish** (Aquí hay algunas partes del poema "Yo tengo un sueño". Únelas con la traducción correcta al español)

- I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up
- That my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.
- I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.
- And if America is to be a great nation this must become true.
- One day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.
- With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.
- With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.
- And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

- Que mis cuatro hijos vivirán un día en una nación en la que no serán juzgados por el color de su piel sino por su reputación.
- Que un día, justo allí en Alabama niños negros y niñas negras podrán darse la mano con niños blancos y niñas blancas, como hermanas y hermanos.
- Y cuando esto ocurra y cuando permitamos que la libertad suene, cuando la dejemos sonar desde cada pueblo y cada aldea, desde cada estado y cada ciudad, podremos acelerar la llegada de aquel día en el que todos los hijos de Dios, hombres blancos y hombres negros, judíos y gentiles, protestantes y católicos, serán capaces de juntar las manos y cantar con las palabras del viejo espiritual negro: "¡Al fin libres! ¡Al fin libres! ¡Gracias a Dios Todopoderoso, somos al fin libres!"
- Tengo un sueño: que un día todo valle será alzado y toda colina y montaña será bajada, los lugares escarpados se harán llanos y los lugares tortuosos se enderezarán y la gloria del Señor se mostrará y toda la carne juntamente la verá.
- Con esta fe seremos capaces de trabajar juntos, de rezar juntos, de luchar juntos, de ir a la cárcel juntos, de ponernos de pie juntos por la libertad, sabiendo que un día seremos libres.
- Y si América va a ser una gran nación, esto tiene que llegar a ser verdad.
- Con esta fe seremos capaces de transformar las estridentes disonancias de nuestra nación en una hermosa sinfonía de fraternidad.
- Tengo un sueño: que un día esta nación se pondrá de pie