

ROSA SAT, SO THAT RUBY COULD WALK, SO THAT KAMALA COULD RUN

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1. Match the photos and the dates to the names

		
1964-	1913-2005	1954-
A. ROSA PARKS	B. KAMALA HARRIS	C. RUBY BRIDGES

Those women were influential in the

- ☐ struggle for the abolition of slavery
- ☐ struggle for the civil rights of non-white people
- ☐ struggle for the enforcement of Jim Crow Laws

in the United States in the XX century.

2. Match dates and events

1865	Start of the <i>Montgomery Bus Boycott</i> .
1866	ML King is killed in Memphis, Tennessee.
1954	The <i>Civil Rights Act</i> is approved.
1955	End of Civil War and abolition of Segregation in southern states
1963	"I Have a Dream" speech by ML King in Washington.
1964	Obama - first coloured man to become US President.
1968	Schools are desegregated by the Supreme Court.
2008	Start of <i>Jim Crow Laws</i> .
2021	The first coloured woman to become Vice-President of the USA.

3. Match the English words to their Italian translation.

1. RIGHTS	A. mentre
2. (TO) SPARK	B. scatenare
3. WHILE	C. schiavitù
4. (TO) BOYCOTT	D. diritti
5. (TO) SEGREGATE	E. rendere obbligatorio
6. (TO) MANDATE	F. rifiutarsi di usare
7. SLAVERY	G. separare negli ambiti pubblici

4. Match the names to their “records”.

1. ROSA PARKS	A. the first girl attending a desegregated school.
2. RUBY BRIDGES	B. the first woman+the first coloured person to become Vice-President of the USA.
3. KAMALA HARRIS	C. the first woman to spark a successful civil disobedience act in favour of desegregation.

5. Match the names to the descriptions.

Her parents decided that she should go to a desegregated school.
Four US Marshalls escorted her during the first school year to prevent assaults by angry white segregationists.
Her father lost his job and all her school mates left the school. In spite of that, she kept attending her school and favoured the process of desegregation in schools.

☐ ROSA PARKS ☐ RUBY BRIDGES ☐ KAMALA HARRIS

Her parents were from India and Jamaica and of course they were in favour of civil rights. They took part in several protest marches, and sent her to desegregated schools. She became a lawyer and was very good at her job, where she acquired a reputation for being “tough”. She gradually became a District Attorney and General Attorney, a Democratic California Senator and finally was chosen by Jim Biden as his Vice-President during their successful run for Presidency in 2020.

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A Jim Crow Law in the southern state of Alabama prescribed that the front seats of buses should be reserved to white passengers, while back seats could be used by coloured people if the seats for white passengers were not complete or a white person didn't ask for them.

She refused to give up her seat to a white man requesting it and was arrested for breaking the law. Her arrest sparked the *Montgomery Bus Boycott*. Coloured people refused to use buses as long as they were segregated. After a year, the company had

to abolish segregation on their buses - the first major success for the civil rights campaign.

☐ ROSA PARKS

☐ RUBY BRIDGES

☐ KAMALA HARRIS

6. Analyse the following painting

(NORMAN ROCKWELL, *The Problem We All Live with*, 1964)



The girl in the photo is

☐ ROSA PARKS

☐ RUBY BRIDGES

☐ KAMALA HARRIS

and the four men (whose identity is not so relevant as their functions) are:

☐ US MARSHALLS

☐ US POLICEMEN

☐ US MARINES

They are taking the girl:

☐ TO A PROTEST MARCH

☐ TO SCHOOL

☐ TO A SIT-IN

because they have to protect her from angry

☐ WHITE SEGREGATIONISTS

☐ BLACK SEGREGATIONISTS

☐ DESEGREGATIONISTS

Her white dress probably means:

☐ THE COLOUR OF HER SKIN

☐ HER INNOCENCE

☐ HER DETERMINATION

The tomatoes dripping red sauce and the insult “nigger” probably mean the violence of:

☐ WHITE SEGREGATIONISTS

☐ BLACK SEGREGATIONISTS

☐ DESEGREGATIONISTS