EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN: ROSA PARKS

1. Read the biography and fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets.

Rosa Parks _____ (be) born on February 4, 1913, in Alabama, USA. She _____ (grow) up during a time when African Americans _____ (not have) the same rights as white people. Rosa _____ (go) to a small school for Black children and later attended a high school, but she _____ (not finish) at first because she _____ (need) to take care of her family. Later, she _____ (return) to finish her education.

One day, in 1955, Rosa _____ (get) on a bus to go home. She _____ (sit) in a seat in the section for African Americans. A white man ___ (ask) her to give up her seat, but Rosa _____ (refuse) to move. She _____ (not agree) with the unfair law. Because of her brave action, she _____ (be) arrested and _____ (spend) a few hours in jail.

Rosa's action _____ (not stop) there; it _____ (inspire) others to fight for equal rights. Many people _____ (join) a bus boycott to protest against segregation laws, and after a year, the rules _____ (change).

Rosa Parks ___ (become) known as the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement." She _____ (not stop) working for equal rights until her death in 2005.

2. Match the English words and phrases with their Spanish translation for the following words.

- Equal Rights
- Unfair
- Civil Rights Movement
- Law
- Jail
- Boycott
- Segregation laws
- Rules

- Boicot
- Cárcel
- Igualdad de derechos
- Injusto/a
- Leyes/legislación
- Leyes de segregación racial
- Movimiento por los derechos civiles
- reglas

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3. Mark the sentences true or false.

a. Rosa Parks was born in Alabama, USA.
True / False

b. She went to a large school for Black and white children.
True / False

c. Rosa had to leave school to take care of her family.
True / False

d. She refused to give up her bus seat to a white man.
True / False

e. After her action, Rosa spent a few days in jail.
True / False

f. Rosa's action inspired others to fight for equal rights.
True / False

g. The bus boycott lasted only a month.
True / False

h. Rosa Parks continued working for equal rights until her death in 2005.
True / False

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