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ROSA PARKS



Read the passage about Rosa Parks and answer the questions.

Rosa Parks was born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama. She grew up at a time when the laws were not fair to African Americans. Rosa was a quiet, respectful woman, but she was also very brave. She worked as a seamstress, sewing clothes, but she also was involved in fighting for equal rights for African Americans.

One famous day, on December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa did something very brave. She refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white person, as the unfair laws required. Rosa was arrested for this, but her brave action started a big change.

It led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott, where African Americans refused to ride the buses until they were treated fairly. This was a big step in the Civil Rights Movement, which worked to make sure everyone, no matter their skin color, was treated equally.

Rosa Parks is known as the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement" because of her brave stand that day. She showed that one person's actions could help change the world for the better. She continued to fight for equal rights for all people for the rest of her life.

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1 Where and when was Rosa Parks born, and what was her job?

2 What brave thing did Rosa Parks do on a bus in 1955?

3 Why is Rosa Parks called the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement"?

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