

# Rosa Parks

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Rosa Parks was a Civil Rights icon and a defender of racial equality. She is a picture of heroism, bravery, and perseverance. While it took years for some people to see this, many others loved her from the very beginning of her heroic journey.



Rosa was born in 1917 in Tuskegee, Alabama. She was raised by her mother, who was a seamstress. They taught Rosa about respect and dignity for all people no matter their race.

In the days of segregation, people were not treated equally. They were given more rights than others.

When Rosa became a seamstress in Montgomery, Alabama. One night while she was riding the bus because the driver had been slaves, and she was tired.

While she rode the bus, the driver stopped the bus. He said there wasn't enough room for all the white passengers to sit, so some of the African American passengers needed to give up their seats for them. The driver asked Rosa to get up.

Rosa said no. She was in the seat that was designated for her, and she would not give it up. She believed she had as much right to sit as anyone else.

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The bus driver called the police and had Rosa arrested. She was taken to jail and had to go to trial, but her arrest started a great movement for the better treatment of all people. It was called the Civil Rights movement, and though it was eventually led by Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa helped jumpstart the movement.

Rosa helped bring more rights to all people. She spent the rest of her life on this mission, and she was honored greatly for it. In 1996, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1997, she received the Congressional Gold Medal. Rosa also received other awards and honors, and she even had parks and monuments named after her.

Rosa died in 2005, but she is remembered for standing up for the rights of all people today.

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5) Mention the accomplishments of Rosa Parks.

She helped jump-start the civil rights movement and dedicated her life to the

cause of achieving equal rights for all people.

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