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Day One

Rosa Parks: Lifelong Activist

Part 1: Silent read

➔ Rosa Parks is a famous civil rights activist. Read silently.

Rosa Parks fought for justice, standing up for others by sitting down. She is famous for refusing to give up her seat to a White person. She was protesting racist laws on public buses. Rosa Parks' act launched the Montgomery Bus Boycott. It led to the end of racial segregation on public transit.

Few people know that Rosa Parks spent a lifetime struggling against racism. As a child, Parks lived in her grandparents' house. Her grandfather taught her "never to accept mistreatment."

Rosa Parks later described how she "stayed awake nights keeping vigil with grandpa." Parks and her grandfather were protecting their house from the Ku Klux Klan. They blocked up doors and windows against the Klan. The group was very active in that part of Alabama. They burned Black churches and beat and killed people. Rosa Parks remembered that her grandfather always kept his shotgun nearby.

Rosa Parks' bus protest was not an isolated act. Rather, she was a lifelong activist. As a child, Parks learned to stand up for herself. As an adult, Parks volunteered with the NAACP and led a youth council. Parks encouraged young people to fight for equal rights.

After Rosa Parks' brave acts, she and her husband suffered. They both lost their jobs and endured deep poverty for years. Parks also received many death threats. However, Rosa Parks never stopped working for equal rights. She traveled around the country organizing and speaking about the issues.

Sources: "Artifacts Show a Rosa Parks Steeped in Freedom Struggle from Childhood," *The Washington Post*, February 3, 2015.

"Rosa Parks: In Her Own Words," Library of Congress, December 5, 2019.



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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What are some different ways that Rosa Parks fought against racism?

What is Rosa Parks best remembered for?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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