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Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott

Tell the Tale

Chapter One of this book discusses Rosa Parks's refusal to give up her seat on the bus. Write 200 words that tell the story of Rosa Parks's experience that day. Describe the reaction of others on the bus. How does Rosa Parks feel during the event? What might she be thinking? Be sure to set the scene, develop a sequence of events, and offer a conclusion.



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Surprise Me

Chapter Two discusses slavery and segregation in the South. Understanding how segregation worked on a daily basis can be interesting and surprising. After reading this book, what two or three facts about segregation did you find most surprising? Write a few sentences about each fact. Why did you find them surprising?



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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about the bus boycott? Do you want to learn more about the carpool system? Or what it was like to walk to work every day? Write down one or two questions that can guide you in doing research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources about this time period that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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Another View

This book had a lot of information about how the bus boycott happened in Montgomery. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about the boycott. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?



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