

## Rosa's Bus Ride

Rosa Parks was a seamstress in Montgomery, Alabama. On December 1, 1955, Rosa got on the bus after a long and tiring day of work. She took a seat in the black section in the back of the bus.

A short time later, the bus stopped to pick up another passenger. A white person wanted to get on the bus, but there were no more seats at the front of the bus, which was reserved for white people. The driver asked Rosa to get up and give her seat to the white person. Rosa did not move. As a result, Rosa was arrested and put into jail.

News of Rosa's refusal to give up her seat spread quickly through Montgomery. A few days later black people across the city stopped riding the bus. They walked to work instead. They called it the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Black people did not ride the buses for almost an entire year. Finally, the rules were changed. The new rules let black people sit in any seat on the bus. Rosa Park's quiet and courageous act helped change America and its views of African Americans. Thanks, Rosa!



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