



ROSA PARKS



EARLY LIFE

Rosa was born on February, 4th 1913 in Tuskegee, Alabama and died in Detroit on the 24th October 2005. Her parents James and Leona McCouley separated when Rosa was two years old. Rosa's mother moved the family to Pine Level, Alabama, to live with her parent's, Rose and Sylvester Edwards. Both of Parks' grandparents were former slaves and big advocates for racial equality. The family lived on Edwards' Farm, where she would spend her youth and where she attended Industrial School for Girls. Parks' childhood brought her early experiences with racial discrimination and activism for racial equality.

CIVIL RIGHTS

In 1955, African Americans were still required to sit in the back half of city buses and to give up their seats to white riders if the front half of the bus, reserved for whites, was full.

Rosa refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a segregated bus in Montgomery Alabama and she was arrested. This led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott: many black people refused to use buses until the rules were changed. This lost the bus companies a lot of money. Her bravery led to nationwide efforts to end segregation (the deliberate separation of black and white people). After this famous act, she lost her job and endured death threats for years to come. However, she was also recognised for her efforts and was award the Martin Luther King Jr Award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal.



Upon her death, she became the first women to lie in honour at the Capital Rotunda, where an estimated 50,000 viewed her casket

FAMOUS QUOTES FROM ROSA

“God has always given me the strength to say what is right.”

“I would like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free...so other people would be also free.”

“Each person must live their life as a medal for others.”



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<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/rosa-parks/>

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. Where was Rosa born?
2. What year did she die?
3. How many years ago did she die?
4. What did she refuse to do?
5. What is one of her famous quotes?