

# Reading

Activity 1: Read the text on Doctor Who – Rosa. Then answer the questions.

Activity 2: Read a text or part of a text of your choice and complete one of the activities below. Try to choose something different to what you have done before.

Choose one of these to complete about a text you have read

<p><u>COMIC STRIP</u></p> <p>Choose the five most important events that happened in your book and turn them into a comic strip.</p>	<p><u>SUM UP</u></p> <p>Summarise the book in 100 words or less. Remember to include key information</p>	<p><u>KEY PLAYERS</u></p> <p>Rank the characters from most to least important and explain why.</p>
<p><u>MY FAVOURITE PART</u></p> <p>Write about your favourite part of your book and explain why you like it using evidence from the text</p>	<p><u>NEW COVER</u></p> <p>Design a new cover for the book. Include a picture, title, author and illustrator.</p>	<p><u>WRITE A LETTER</u></p> <p>Write a letter to one of the characters in your reading book. Include at least one question you want to ask them</p>
<p><u>POINT OF VIEW</u></p> <p>Retell part of the story from a different character's point of view.</p>	<p><u>QUIZ</u></p> <p>Make up at least five questions about your reading book. Make sure you know the answers! Test your friend.</p>	<p><u>SEQUEL</u></p> <p>Write 5 things that would happen if the book you've read has a sequel – Use evidence to support your ideas</p>
<p><u>MEETING</u></p> <p>If you could meet one character from the text, who would it be and why? Make sure you give enough detail.</p>	<p><u>REVIEW IT</u></p> <p>Create a book review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summarise the plot</li><li>• Explain why you like it</li><li>• Who would you recommend it to and why?</li></ul>	<p><u>VOCAB</u></p> <p>Are there any words in the book you don't understand? Can you find them in a dictionary and write them in a different sentence?</p>

# Doctor Who: Rosa

With the TARDIS apparently misbehaving, alien time traveller, the Doctor, brings her human friends – Graham O'Brien, Ryan Sinclair, and Yasmin Khan – to Montgomery, Alabama, 1955. Initially, Graham, Ryan and Yaz are thrilled to be visiting the 1950s. However, they soon realise that Alabama in the 1950s is not a safe place for some people. Meeting a woman named Rosa Parks, Team TARDIS figure out they have arrived just before a significant event in world history – the Montgomery bus boycott.

## Background to the Montgomery Bus Boycott

Between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, millions of African people were sold into slavery. In the USA, slavery was abolished in 1865. However, many African Americans continued to face persecution on a daily basis. The Jim Crow laws were laws passed in many states limiting the rights of African Americans. These laws meant:



- African Americans were unable to vote in elections;

- African Americans were barred from certain jobs;

- schools for African-American children received less public funding;

- parks, restaurants and public transport were segregated (meaning there were separate facilities for black people and these often weren't as good as those provided for white people).



### The Origins of the Montgomery Bus Boycott

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1955, African-American high-school student Claudette Colvin was getting a bus home. The bus was full so the driver ordered Claudette to give up her seat for a white person. At school, Claudette had been learning about Harriet Tubman who had helped enslaved people escape through a network of underground railroads. She had also been studying Sojourner Truth, a former slave who campaigned for women's rights and the abolishment of slavery. Claudette later said she didn't get up from her seat because, "It felt like Sojourner Truth was on one side pushing me down, and Harriet Tubman was on the other side of me pushing me down. I couldn't get up." Claudette was arrested and imprisoned.

On 1<sup>st</sup> December that same year, Rosa Parks was travelling home from work after a tiring day. She boarded a bus driven by a man named James Blake, a driver with whom she had previously had clashes. As the bus filled up, Rosa Parks was told to leave her seat so white passengers could sit down. She refused. The police were called and Rosa Parks was arrested. Writing about the event years later, she said, "People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true. I was not tired physically, or no more tired than I usually was at the end of a working day. I was not old, although some people have an image of me as being old then. I was forty-two. No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."



### The Bus Boycott

Rosa was a member of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), an organisation dedicated to improving the life of African Americans. Martin Luther King Jr. led a campaign, starting on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1956, that called for all African Americans to boycott (stop using) Montgomery buses. Instead, they were encouraged to share lifts, walk or cycle to their destinations. The aims of the boycott were:



- for all passengers to be treated politely by bus drivers;
- for passengers to be seated on a first-come, first-served basis;
- to allow African Americans to become bus drivers.



Around 90% of the African-American population of Montgomery joined the boycott and the bus company began to lose money. Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders of the campaign were arrested. Rosa Parks and her husband both lost their jobs. However, eventually the campaign was successful and on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1956, segregation on buses in Alabama ended.



### Key Events in the Civil Rights Movement

1954	Brown vs Board of Education – The segregation of schools is ruled illegal.
1956	The segregation on buses in Alabama ends.
1963	March on Washington – Over 250 000 people travel to Washington to campaign against racism. Martin Luther King Jr. makes his famous 'I Have a Dream' speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.
1964	The Civil Rights Act is passed, banning discrimination based on race, religion or gender.
1968	Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated.



### Did You Know?

In 2014, Asteroid 284996 was renamed 'Rosa Parks'.

What did Claudette Colvin mean when she said she "...couldn't get up"?

Find and copy the word that means facilities, such as parks and restaurants, were separate.

How has the author organised the text and how does it help you get information from the text?

Explain the positive and negative impact the bus boycott had on Rosa Parks.