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# Rosa Parks



**R**osa Parks helped change the laws in the United States. Her actions played an important part in the country's civil rights movement.

Rosa Parks was a Black woman born in 1913 in Alabama. At that time there were laws segregating Black and white people. Segregating means keeping them apart.

Rosa Parks went to a school with all African American students. White and Black people were forced to go to different schools. After she got her high school diploma, she helped her family earn money by working as a seamstress in a department store.



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**Rosa Parks believed everyone should be treated equally and refused to give up her seat on the bus.**

A year later, the Supreme Court ruled that segregation on buses was illegal. Black people did not have to give up their seats to white people on buses.

Rosa Parks is considered a hero today because she believed everyone should be treated equally. She was honored in 1996 by President Bill Clinton, who gave her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor a citizen can receive.

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the article.  
Then write the full word on the line.  
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1. s \_ \_ g \_ \_ g \_ \_ t \_ \_ n

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**clue:** the practice of keeping people of different races separate from each other

2. b \_ \_ v \_ \_ t t

2. \_\_\_\_\_



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5. r \_ \_ f \_ \_ s \_ \_ d

5. \_\_\_\_\_

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6. \_ \_ l l e \_ \_ l

6. \_\_\_\_\_

**clue:** not allowed by the law

7. p \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s t

7. \_\_\_\_\_

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8. \_\_\_\_\_

**clue:** an award

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In the article, "Rosa Parks," you read that President Bill Clinton gave Rosa Parks the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which is the highest honor a citizen can receive.

Imagine that you were asked to give a speech at the Presidential Medal of Freedom Ceremony to honor Rosa Parks. Write your speech about Rosa Parks on the lines below. In your speech be sure to explain who Rosa Parks is and why she deserves to be honored.

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**Answers will vary. An example is: After the Supreme Court ruled that segregation was illegal, Black people did not have to give up their seats on buses anymore.**

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