

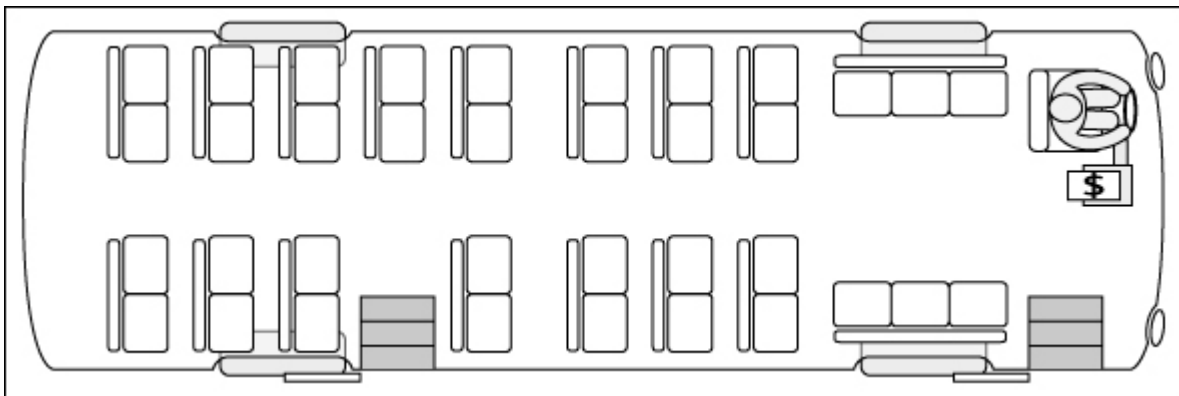


Rosa Parks Changed The Rules

Name _____

December 1, 1955, was the day on which Rosa Parks took her famous bus ride. Below you will read some of the rules bus riders followed at that time:

- White people boarded the bus through the front door. They dropped their coins into the fare box next to the driver. Then they sat in one of the long seats at the front of the bus or in one of the first three rows of seats.
- Black people boarded the bus through the front door. They dropped their coins into the fare box. Then they had to get off the bus and get back on through the door in the back of the bus. They took a seat in one of the last five rows or they stood in a “standing only” area at the back of the bus.
- If a white person got on the bus and there were no more seats in the white section, a black person who was sitting in the front rows of seats set aside for black people had to give up his or her seat.



DIRECTIONS: Study the drawing of a bus like the one Rosa rode on. Then follow the directions below.

1. Color the driver's place with a blue crayon.
2. Use a green crayon to color the box into which people put their coins.
3. Color with a red crayon the bus seats that were for white people.
4. Use a black crayon to color the seats that were for black people.
5. Write the words "Front Door" by the front door of the bus.
6. Write the words "Back Door" by the back door of the bus.
7. Write the words "Standing Only" in the part of the bus where black people would stand if there were no more seats.