Rosa Parks was born in Alabama in 1913. When she was a little girl and she moved to Montgomery, the capital of Alabama, with her mother and brother. Rosa loved to learn, but had to leave school when she was 16. She got married when she was 19. Rosa’s life was hard because she was an African American and there were Jim Crow laws. Jim Crow laws were written to make sure that black people and white people were never near each other. There were separate schools, churches, bathrooms, waiting rooms and water fountains.

Rosa Parks did not like or agree with the Jim Crow laws. On December 1, 1955, she got on a bus to go home. The law said that she should sit in the back of the bus. When a white man got on the bus and there were no seats in the front for him, the bus driver told the African Americans to get up. Rosa would not get up and so she was arrested. Because of what Rosa did, African Americans decided to boycott, or not take, any bus. After 381 days of not taking the bus, the Jim Crow laws were changed on November 13, 1956.

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3. On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks would not get up for a white man
4. Rosa Parks left school at 16
5. Rosa Parks was born in 1913