

Rosa Parks



1. As the pupils enter

Have the webpage open:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-rosa-parks-black-history-month/z9r3p4j>

Play your chosen music and display the first gallery image.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-rosa-parks-black-history-month-slideshow/zttmdp3>

2. Your introduction to the video

Scroll through the gallery slide show, delivering the following suggested text:

IMAGE 1: America in the 1950s... A land of great wealth...opportunity... freedom... But not always for everyone. Because black people living in America at that time were often treated very differently to white people. In many parts of America they were kept apart - they were **SEGREGATED**. Black people couldn't go to the same schools as white people... **IMAGE 2:** Couldn't sit in the same cinemas... **IMAGE 3:** Couldn't drink from the same water fountains... **IMAGE 4:** Couldn't even sit in the same place on a bus... **IMAGE 5:** Many people - both black and white - knew that segregation wasn't fair and they protested about it...but little changed. **IMAGE 6:** Then, one day in 1955, a woman called **ROSA PARKS** boarded a bus after work, in a city called Montgomery. What you'll see now is an actress being Rosa, to tell us what happened on that extraordinary bus journey...

3. Play the video

Play the video. Duration: 3' 19". Final words: '...didn't know what to do about it.'

4. After the video

Conclude the slide show. **IMAGE 7:** Rosa Parks was arrested for not giving up her seat on the bus - and charged with breaking the law. **IMAGE 8:** But people came to her support - first in Montgomery where she lived...and then all over America. Marches were organised to protest against segregation...marches that grew in to what became known as the Civil Rights Movement - a movement that demanded the same rights for all people. **IMAGE 9:** Rosa Parks became an important figurehead of that movement...because her simple act of defiance inspired others to take a stand against unfairness as well. **IMAGE 10:** The world is a very different place today...but there are still many things that are unfair. If you experience something unfair and wonder what to do, perhaps you - like many others - will remember the story of Rosa Parks and a famous bus journey made long ago...

5. Time to talk

What is extraordinary about Rosa Parks' story? What words would you use to describe her and her actions? What do you feel we can all learn from Rosa Parks' story?

Play video



6. Time to sing

An opportunity for you to sing your chosen song.

7. Opportunity to reflect

We've heard today about an extraordinary woman - Rosa Parks. Rosa Parks didn't know that 1st December 1955 was going to be different to any other day...but on that day she decided the time had come, the time to take a stand against the unfairness that she saw around her... Think about a time when you've experienced things that seem unfair. How did you feel and what did you do..? Did you have the courage to say anything..? Sometimes it can be difficult to speak out against unfairness...but sometimes all it takes is a single courageous voice to begin to put things right again...

8. Opportunity for prayer

'Thank you for those people, like Rosa Parks, who have the courage to take a stand. Help each of us to take a stand when we see things around us that are unfair... So that together we can work for a better world. Amen.'