

Rosa Parks

Rosa Parks is one of the most important women who participated in the civil right movement which took place in The United Stated. One day she decided to break the law. At first she was sent to prison, but later she became an example which many people followed and in the end, she could change the law of Alabama regarding to racial segregation.

She was born on February 4th 1913 in Alabama, and she lived in a time when racial segregation was important, not only in the society where she lived but also in the laws of some southern states of the US. In that time, there were some restaurants, cinemas and other public places where black people weren't allowed to get in. Somehow, white people were considered more important or better than black people, so they had more benefits than black people. The worst thing is that racial segregation was validated by the state, which means that everything was in the law.

For example, public buses had this segregation rule in which only white people were allowed to get on the front part of the bus and black people had to go to the back part. One of the problems with that segregation is that black people had to pay for their transportation in the front part of the bus and afterwards they had to get off the bus and then get on again in the back part. Many times they missed their bus when getting off.

Black people were only allowed to sit in the back seats of the bus, so that means that even if there were available seats, they had to travel standing up all the time. When all the seats for white people were in use and a white person got on the bus, a black person had to give up their seat to the new white person.



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One day, Rosa Parks decided to break that rule. While she was sitting on the bus, the bus became crowded and then a white person got on it. There were no available seats so the bus driver asked Rosa Parks to give up her seat to the white person. Rosa refused to do it so the bus driver threatened to report her to the police.

Rosa Parks was determined to remain sitting, as she disapproved all that segregation law which she considered unfair. She didn't give up her seat so the bus driver called the police who got on the bus and arrested Parks for having broken the law.

Rosa Parks wasn't the first person who was sent to jail for the same reason, but she was the most famous one. After she was arrested, everybody started talking about the incident. The news talked about it and many black people were quite angry about the situation. After the arrest, the black community started complaining about the racial segregation and they organized a boycott against the bus company. They asked all the black persons not to use any bus in protest of the arrest. The black community represented 75% of the bus passengers so it was a huge problem for the company.

Rosa Parks became an icon of the civil right movement but even when she had a very hard time because of that, in the end the movement managed to change the law and so racial segregation in buses was over.

Rosa Parks died in 2005 but she will be always remembered.