girl scouts
of central illinois

Rosa Parks

"I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom and equality and justice and prosperity for all people."

Rosa Parks is known as the mother of the Civil Rights movement. She is best known for refusing to give up her seat on a bus after a long day at work, which then sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott. After a year of the boycott, the Supreme Court decided that segregation laws on the bus were unconstitutional. Rosa continued to attend civil rights meetings. She became a symbol to many African-Americans of the fight for equal rights. In 1996 Rosa was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Learn more about Rosa Parks in this monthly patch!

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Discover

1. Rosa Parks is considered the mother of the Civil Rights movement. Learn more about civil rights. Who were some other activists that you know of? What were some other events in history that helped African Americans get equal rights?

2. Rosa Parks showed a lot of courage when she stood up for what she believed in the day she didn't give up her seat on the bus. Discuss a

time when you stood up for something you believe in. Maybe you stood up for someone at school or you didn't give in to peer pressure.

3. During this time in history Jim Crow Laws were in effect. These were the laws that determined that white people should sit at the front of the bus and African-Americans should sit in the back. Research some other examples of things that were separate because of Jim Crow laws. How do you think this separation made people feel?

Connect

4. There have been many poems and songs written about Rosa Park's courage. Write your own poem or song about a time that you or someone you know was brave.

5. Before Rosa Parks was a Civil Rights activist she was a seamstress at a Montgomery department store. Rosa continued sewing throughout her life to make extra money. Check out these easy sewing projects and decide on one to do as a group.
    https://www.sewcanshe.com/blog/sewing-projects-for-kids

6. Rosa Parks received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996 from President Bill Clinton. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a civilian by the United States Government. Do some research on whom else has received this prestigious honor and then design your own Medal of Freedom.

7. Rosa wrote many books about her life. A book that is an account of someone's life written by that person is called an autobiography. Write your own short autobiography about key events in your life.

Take Action

8. Rosa took action to ignite change in her community. Is there something you could change or make better in your community? Think about your school or church is there something that could be improved that you could help with? Come up with a plan to make a positive difference!

9. The bus that Rosa was on is now in the Henry Ford Museum in Michigan. Take a trip to see some historical monuments in your town or visit a museum. Take some time to learn about the history of your community. Talk to a local historian! Discuss how things have changed in your community.

10. Rosa founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development in 1987 in honor of her husband Raymond. The mission of their organization is for youth to reach their highest potential and to develop practical life skills. Help out a fellow youth organization in your community. Maybe a youth group at a church or other local youth organization. Donate a fun game to their organization or lead a craft at their next meeting.