

Rosa Parks Answers

1. In the introduction paragraph, what type of word is 'comparatively'?
The word 'comparatively' is an adverb.
2. If Rosa was born with the name Rosa Louise McCauley, what can we most likely guess happened in her private life?
Rosa's surname was probably changed because she got married. (She may also have changed her surname in conjunction with her mother and father splitting up).
3. Explain what you understand by the term 'segregation'.
The terms 'segregation' means the separation of people by law usually by race, gender or religion.
4. The author uses the words 'second-class citizens' to describe how people of colour were treated. What do you think this means?
'Second-class citizens' means people were treated as though they were not as valued in society as others.
5. Why did the bus driver ask Rosa to move on the bus?
Rosa was asked to move by the bus driver to give up her seat to a White person that had boarded the bus (as the 'rules' at the time stated).
6. Find a compound adjective in the text.
A compound adjective in the text is 'second-class'.
7. What was 'The Montgomery Bus Boycott'?
The Montgomery Bus Boycott was when many Black citizens (and some White citizens) refused to use the buses until it was fair for Black and White people to sit where they liked and not be separated.
8. Near the end of the text, the author writes: 'Rosa's small actions made history as it acted as a catalyst for the Civil Rights movement', what does the author mean by 'acted as a catalyst'?
The phrase 'acted as a catalyst' means that something was given a boost, it speeded up the process or kickstarted an event or change.
9. In Rosa's quote, what was Rosa tired of and why do you think this was?
Rosa was tired of 'giving in'. I think that she had enough of things not being fair and being told what to do whilst feeling like a second-class citizen. She wasn't being treated fairly and up until then had been following the rules and not fighting back but she knew she couldn't do it anymore.
10. What sort of characteristics and qualities do you think Rosa Parks had? Give reasons for your answers.
Open-ended and for discussion. Example answers might include:
 - **braveness – for standing up for her rights**
 - **calmness – to not get violent in such an unfair situation**
 - **stubbornness – to not move on the bus**
 - **proudness – for being proud of who she was**
 - **determined – to stand her ground**