

Rosa Parks Answers

1. Where did Rosa grow up?

Rosa grew up in a place called Montgomery in America.

2. What is 'segregation'?

Segregation means the separation of people by law usually by race, gender or religion.

3. How were the facilities provided for Black and White people different?

The facilities provided for Black people were not up to the same standard as the facilities provided for White people. They were not as clean or as modern.

4. How old was Rosa when she did not move on the bus?

Rosa was 42 years old when she did not move on the bus.

5. If you boycott something, what are you doing?

If you boycott something, you are refusing to go there or take part in it or have anything to do with it.

6. In 1955, how were the buses in Montgomery segregated?

In 1955, there were separate sections on buses allocated to White and Black people. If the section allocated to White people was full, the Black people on the bus were as to move back or stand to make way for the White citizens to have their seat.

7. In 'The Bus Ride' section, why has the author used ellipsis?

The author has used ellipsis to show a pause as there was a pause in real life as people waited for Rosa to move.

8. Near the end of the text, the author writes that 'it wasn't the end of segregation'. When the bus laws were changed, why wasn't it the end of segregation?

Even though the bus laws had been changed, it was not the end of segregation because there were still laws on segregation for many other places in the community, such as schools and churches.

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**