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BLACK HISTORY MONTH WORKSHEET

Answer each question.

ROSA PARKS

In 1955 in Alabama, there were rules about where people could sit on buses. White people could sit anywhere they wanted. African Americans had to sit at the back of the bus. Many people did not think this rule was fair.

One woman, Rosa Parks, chose not to follow the rule one day. She was tired after a long day at work. The bus driver ordered her to give up her seat to a white person. Rosa Parks did not follow the driver's directions. She was arrested and taken to jail.

Other African Americans had also been angry when they refused to give up their seats on a bus. But this time, people started to pay attention. The Montgomery Bus Boycott began. This boycott helped end segregation on buses. That meant that all people could sit anywhere they wanted.

1 Why was Rosa Parks told to give up her seat on the bus?

2 Black History Month became an official U.S. observance in...

3 Why was Rosa Parks arrested and taken to jail?

4 When did Rosa Parks refuse to give up her seat?