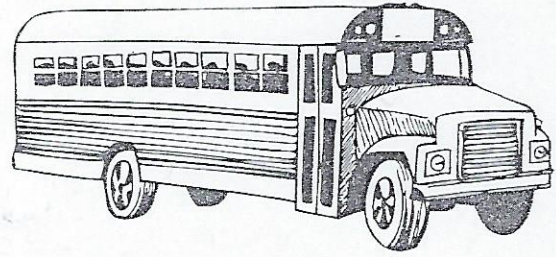


Day 4

MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT



On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks began the Civil Rights Movement. She refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama.

In many parts of the South, black people and white people had to sit in separate parts of the bus. The front was for white people, and the back was for black people. The law in Alabama stated that when the front was filled, a black person in one of the middle rows had to give up his or her seat if a white person wished to sit down.

Parks was tired as she returned home from work. When the driver ordered her to the rear of the bus so that a white person could sit down, she refused. Because of her refusal, she was arrested.

In protest, the black leaders of Montgomery called a meeting to decide what should be done. Parks was not the first black person to be arrested for not giving up her seat,

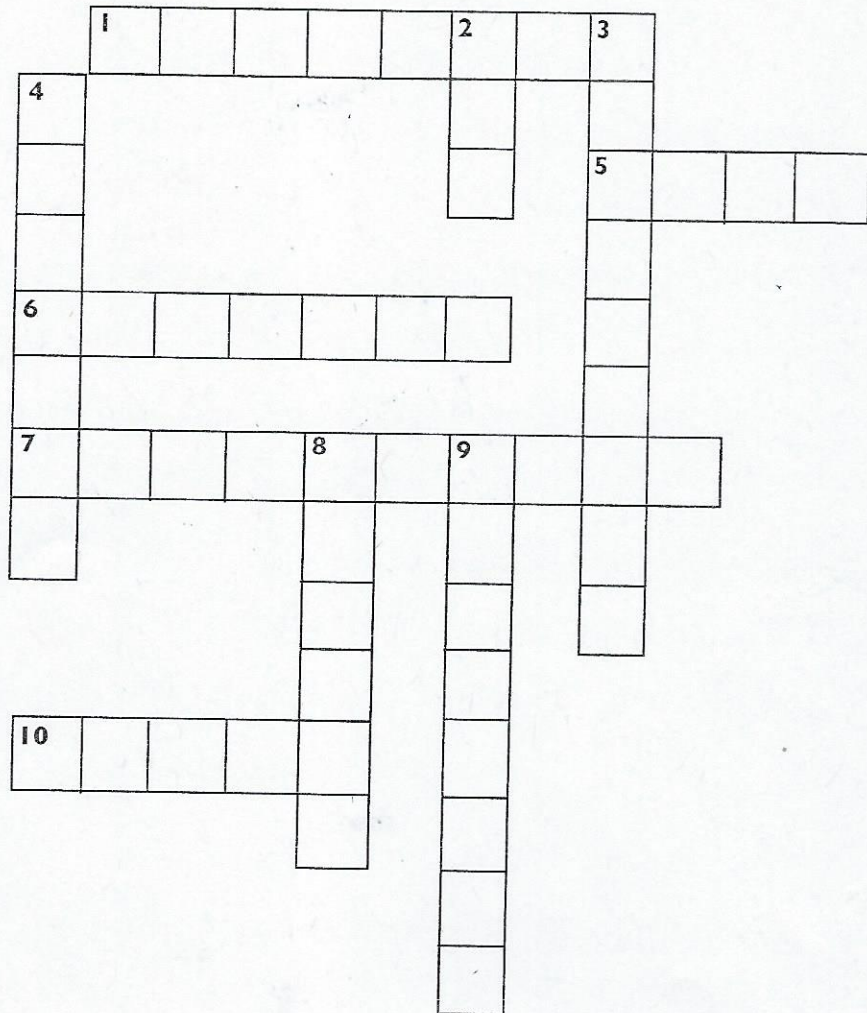
but they decided that she would be the last.

At the meeting, it was agreed that a one-day boycott of all city buses would begin on that Monday morning. By Monday evening, the buses had not carried a single black passenger all day. The black leaders decided to continue the boycott. Black people walked, rode bicycles, and joined carpools.

Meanwhile, Parks went to court, where she was found guilty. The black leaders took the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. A year later, the court ruled in favor of Parks. The highest court in the land said that the Alabama law on bus segregation was unconstitutional. Finally, in December 1956, the bus company agreed to integrate seating on the buses and hire black drivers.

Rosa Parks died on October 24, 2005. For her action, Rosa Parks will be remembered as the “Mother of the Modern Civil Rights Movement” for years to come.

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Across:

1. Parks was arrested in the month of _____.
5. Parks was arrested for not giving up her _____ to a white person.
6. A one-day _____ of all city buses began on Monday.
7. Parks was from the city of _____.
10. The black leaders appealed their case to the U.S. Supreme _____.

Down:

2. Parks was arrested for not giving up her seat on a _____.
3. _____ was called the "Mother of the Modern Civil Rights Movement."
4. Montgomery is in the state of _____.
8. Parks went to court where she was found _____.
9. Parks started the Civil Rights _____ by refusing to give up her seat on _____.

Research: Find *boycott* in a dictionary. Write its definition.