

**ROSA PARKS & THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT
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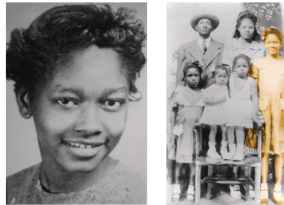
In 1955, in a simple act of defiance, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama. "Move to the back of the bus," they said. "Stand up!" they shouted. Rosa Parks refused. As she made the difficult decision to remain seated, something else happened. In her commitment to end bus segregation Rosa's determination, dignity, inner spirit and soul stood tall.

Rosa Parks



1913 - 2005

Claudette Colvin



That act sparked a boycott of Montgomery's buses by the city's 55,000 African Americans. The boycott lasted 381 days and ultimately led to an end to segregation on public transportation throughout the United States.

Linda Gorham tells this powerful and riveting story through the eyes of three people:

- Claudette Colvin, a 15-year-old African American teenager who was arrested on a bus six months before Parks
- James Blake, the white bus driver
- 42-year-old Rosa Parks

Each of these people played a role in shaping American history. This program was developed as part of a grant from the Chicago Tribune Freedom Museum.



Residents of Montgomery walking



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