

## Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*

## During-reading questions

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Before 1970, racial segregation was part of the law.
- 2 Black people had to sit at the back of the bus.
- 3 Because she did not have the same rights as white people.

### CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Rosa was born in Tuskegee, Alabama.
- 2 Young Rosa loved singing songs in church.
- 3 Rosa's grandfather protected her family from the racist Ku Klux Klan. He slept in the front room of the house with a gun.
- 4 Because her mother could not pay for her classes.
- 5 Because she had to care for her grandmother and mother.

### CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Raymond cut the hair of black boys and men, and he was a civil rights activist.
- 2 The Scottsboro Boys were a group of nine black boys. The police arrested them for attacking two white women.
- 3 Rosa finished high school in 1933.
- 4 Because there was no racial segregation there.

### CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 The first rows of seats were for white people.
- 2 Because white people did not want to stand on the bus.

- 3 Because she tried to walk through the white section of the bus. He drove away and left her on the street.
- 4 Rosa was a secretary at the NAACP.
- 5 Rosa did not give her seat to a white person.

### CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 The bus boycott began on 5th December 1955.
- 2 About 40,000 black people stopped using the buses.
- 3 African Americans wanted to sit in any seat on the bus, and they wanted to see black drivers on city buses. They also wanted white people to be nicer to them on the buses.
- 4 The highest court in the country decided that bus segregation could not be part of the law.

### CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Rosa and her family left Montgomery in 1957. They went to Detroit, Michigan.
- 2 Because good homes were expensive, and many white people did not want black people to live in their buildings or on their streets.
- 3 Rosa met Malcolm X. He was a famous activist.
- 4 The first black shopping centre opened in Virginia Park, and workers built many new buildings there.

### CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Rosa helped Joan Little and Gary Tyler. Police arrested Joan Little for killing a white man in North Carolina, and police in Louisiana arrested Gary Tyler for killing a white boy.
- 2 People began to honour Rosa for her work in the civil rights movement.
- 3 Young people at the institute learned about racism, civil rights movements and their country. They also learned to be strong and to make plans for their lives.

- 4 Rosa met Nelson Mandela in 1990.  
He was a famous South African activist.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

- Rosa Parks died on 24th October 2005.
- Bus drivers put black ribbons on the front seats of their buses.
- Rosa Parks now lies between her mother Leona and her husband Raymond.
- TIME Magazine called Rosa one of the twenty most important people in 100 years.

## After-reading questions

- Example answer:** Black people had to do this because they could not walk through the white section of the bus.
- Example answer:** Maybe the police did not protect black people from the Ku Klux Klan because the police were racist. They did not like black people.
- Example answer:** Maybe white schools had more money than black schools. They were cleaner, and they had better classrooms than black schools. White schools had better teachers, too.
- Example answer:** After the Montgomery Bus Boycott, segregation on buses could not be part of the law. There were no more unfair laws about black people using buses, and they could sit in any seat on the bus.
- Reader's own answer.*

## Exercises

### CHAPTER ONE

- Rosa Parks <sup>1</sup> **was** (be) an important civil rights activist. She <sup>2</sup> **fought** (fight) for African Americans to have the same rights as white people. In the old days, there <sup>3</sup> **were** (be) unfair laws about black people using buses in the American South. This <sup>4</sup> **made** (make) Rosa

angry, and one day, she <sup>5</sup> **did** (do) something big. On 1st December 1955, Rosa did not <sup>6</sup> **give** (give) her seat to a white person and this helped <sup>7</sup> **to start** (start) the civil rights movement in the USA. Because of this, people today <sup>8</sup> **call** (call) Rosa Parks "the mother of the civil rights movement".

### CHAPTER TWO

- 1 college
- 2 live
- 3 grandparents
- 4 unfair
- 5 difficult
- 6 crime
- 7 activist
- 8 finish

### CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 3 1 c    2 g    3 b    4 f
- 5 h    6 e    7 d    8 a

*Reader's own answers.*

### CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 **Who** decided to start a bus boycott?  
**Martin Luther King Jr and the NAACP decided to start a bus boycott.**
- 2 **Where** did Rosa go on the day the boycott began?  
**She went to court on the day the boycott began.**
- 3 **How** many people were outside?  
**Five hundred people were outside.**
- 4 **Who** attacked black people because of the boycott?  
**Racist white people attacked black people.**
- 5 **Why** did many black people have to stop working?  
**Because they were part of the boycott, and no one wanted to work with them.**

## CHAPTER SIX

5 1 f 2 d 3 e 4 a 5 c 6 b

## CHAPTER SEVEN

- 6 1 In 1974, Rosa helped with two important **cases**.
- 2 No one **believed** the two young people because they were black.
- 3 In 1979, the NAACP **honoured** Rosa for her work in the civil rights movement.
- 4 Rosa got money for speaking at civil rights **meetings**.
- 5 She opened an **institute** for young black Americans.
- 6 In 1990, Rosa met Nelson Mandela, an **activist** from South Africa.
- 7 Police arrested a man for **attacking** Rosa in her home.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

- 7 1 Many people helped to care **for** Rosa in her last days.
- 2 Rosa always thought **about** other people first.
- 3 The buses in Montgomery and Detroit had black ribbons **on** the front seats.
- 4 Americans never honoured a woman **at** the Capitol before Rosa Parks.
- 5 Rosa Parks now lies **between** the two most important people in her life.
- 6 Rosa got two important awards **from** the American president.
- 7 **In** Washington DC, there is a statue of Rosa Parks.

## Project work

*Reader's own answers.*