



Source 1: Who was Rosa Parks?

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1 Rosa Parks was an African American woman who was born on February 4, 1913. Ms. Parks was born in Tuskegee, Alabama, to Leona and James McCauley. While growing up, she had a younger brother by the name of Sylvester. Rosa’s parents went their separate ways, and Rosa, Sylvester, and Leona moved to a small farm area in Pine Level.

2 While living in Pine Level, Rosa attended the local elementary school where her mom was a teacher. The local school consisted of only African American children; there was no mix of races in the schools.

3 Leona McCauley was a successful African American teacher and wanted her children to complete their education to obtain a diploma and later a degree. Rosa was able to complete elementary school and Montgomery Industrial School for Girls. She went on to attend Alabama Teacher State College in order to obtain her high school diploma. Unfortunately, Rosa was never able to complete school to get her diploma because of a family illness with her mother.

4 In 1932 Rosa met her soul mate, Raymond Parks, in Montgomery and married him later that year. Raymond and Rosa lived life together with no children. In 1977, Raymond Parks passed away. During their marriage, Rosa was able to return to school and obtain her high school diploma.

5 While living in the city of Montgomery as an adult, the city was very segregated. The segregation was very similar to the Pine Level School in Alabama that Rosa had attended in elementary. The white people and black people were not together but did everything separately. The places and events they attended were all segregated based on race.

6 Rosa would see signs for only one race and not the other race. Everything from water fountains to riding the bus was segregated. Often when Rosa would ride the bus, she would have to sit in the back of the bus or even stand if she needed to. She experienced racism of people of color sitting in the back of the bus while white people were able to sit at the front of the bus.

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Source 2: Montgomery Bus Boycott

7 On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks decided to fight back against segregation. Ms. Parks, along with all the other African American people, had to sit in the back of the buses while the white people were able to sit in the front. If there were no seats on the bus a black person, that had already been on the bus, had to get up and give their seat to the white person entering the bus.

8 Rosa Parks finally got tired of being treated like a second-class citizen. She and other African Americans were fed up with the segregation. One day after work, Rosa sat on the bus and did not give up her seat when a white person entering the bus came on. Rosa was immediately arrested and taken to jail. Rosa was instructed to pay a penalty fine of \$10 for not obeying the law. Of course, Ms. Parks did not pay the fine because of her beliefs of the segregation law not being fair to all.

9 The arrest of Rosa led to an uproar from the African American community. The African American leaders got together to discuss what happened and decided to do a boycott. NAACP began formed plans to organize the boycott of the city buses. The NAACP even got together to create flyers and newspaper ads to reach as many African Americans they could about not riding the city bus. The boycott would be to no longer ride the city bus as long as it took to change the segregation law. The boycott of the Montgomery buses lasted for a total of 381 days. The African American communities and leaders worked together to get to places that were needed without using the city bus. After a long boycott of over one year, the U.S. Supreme court ruled the segregation laws in Alabama to be unconstitutional.

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Source 3: Life After the Montgomery Bus Boycott

10 After the Montgomery Bus Boycott and Rosa Parks' arrest, her family had a difficult time. Rosa was fired from her full-time job working at a department store. Rosa Parks' husband was also fired from his job due to supporting his wife and the ongoing court case from the boycott on the Montgomery city bus. After searching around for work and unable to successfully find a job, the couple moved to Detroit, Michigan.

11 While in Detroit, Rosa and her husband's life began to improve. Both Rosa and Raymond were able to find a job to help support themselves. Rosa started off working as a secretary and receptionist in U.S. Representative John Conyer's congressional office. Later, Rosa became a part of Planned Parenthood. Rosa Parks served on the board of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

12 In 1987, Rosa and her friend Elaine Steele founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development. The institute was designed to run the "Pathways to Freedom" bus tours. The bus tours helped to show the younger African Americans the Underground Railroad sites that were throughout the country. The Underground Railroad were secret routes that had safe houses in the United States. The Underground Railroad was used as a way for African American slaves to escape to freedom to free states. By the year 1850, it is believed that over 100,000 slaves had escaped to freedom using the Underground Railroad.

13 In 1992, Rosa wrote her autobiography. In her book, *My Story*, Rosa talked about her life and the segregation she experienced in Montgomery. Three years later, Rosa went on to publish another book. The book titled *Quiet Strength* was about how Rosa used her religion to help her overcome the struggle and fight she had throughout her life.

14 Rosa received many awards during her lifetime. She received the Spingarn Medal from NAACP, Martin Luther King Jr. Award, and a Presidential Medal of Freedom by former President Bill Clinton (1996). She continued to receive awards for her courage and continued faith in helping to create a change in segregation.

15 In October 2005, Rosa Parks died in her home having suffered from progressive dementia.

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Space

Source 1: Life in Space

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1 Have you ever wondered what it is like to be an astronaut and travel in space? Before traveling to space, astronauts have to go through a lot of training and preparations. They have to make sure they are prepared to adapt to the environment and conditions in space. Astronauts participate in mock-ups and simulators to practice the different parts of their space trip, including launch, docking to the space station, releasing satellites, spacewalks, and landing. They demonstrate the saying, “Practice makes perfect,” as they practice all possible scenarios, so they are fully prepared for their space mission.



2 While on their mission, astronauts work and live in close quarters on the space ship with three to seven people onboard. Therefore, air management on the ship is very important. The life system supports on the International Space Station have several important functions. They must supply oxygen and remove carbon dioxide from the cabin’s atmosphere and prevent gases like ammonia and acetone from accumulating inside the ship. Without life support systems, breathing on the same ship would be very difficult.

3 On a space ship, water is a luxury. While onboard the space ship, astronauts can only take sponge baths. You may be surprised to find that the water comes from water distilled from places like their crewmates breath. Rationing and recycling are very important on the International Space Station to ensure that there is always enough power, clean water, and breathable air.

4 Astronauts eat three balanced meals a day filled with important vitamins and minerals. All food must be non-perishable, so the food does not spoil on the space ship. Their food is packaged in materials that are designed to be flexible and easy to use and also in a way that will take up the least amount of space as possible to make storing and disposing of the containers easier. There is a trash compactor on space ships so astronauts can throw away their packages when they are done eating. All space ships have an oven so their food can be heated properly. Interestingly, salt and pepper on the space ship are in liquid form, so it does not float away and clog the air vents on the ship.

5 Sleeping is also different in space than on Earth. Since there is no gravity in space, astronauts must strap themselves to a wall, seat, or bunk bed when it is time for bed, so they do not float around at night and hurt themselves. Typically, crew members sleep in a sleeping bag. Astronauts are typically scheduled to get eight hours of sleep each night. However, this can be challenging due to the close quarters, motion sickness, or hearing other crew members snoring. Every morning the Mission Control Center in Texas sends wake up music to the crew. They will pick a different song each day to send to different astronauts. Sometimes families will choose the song to send to their family member in space.

6 What do you think about life in space? Do you think you would like to experience life as an astronaut someday?

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Source 2: Meteor Shower

7 Have you ever seen a meteor shower? Some peak times to see meteor showers on Earth are December, January, April, August, October, and November. Peak viewing times vary depending on the year. If there is a full moon around the time of a meteor shower, it may make it difficult to see the meteors. If you want to see an amazing show in the sky, mark your calendars so that you can see the beautiful spectacle. You will be amazed!

8 A meteor is a space rock that enters Earth's atmosphere. Another name for a space rock is a meteoroid. As the space rock falls towards Earth, the resistance of the air makes the rock extremely hot, and it creates a shooting star. A meteor shower occurs when Earth encounters several meteors at one time.

9 What causes several meteors to fall at once? The answer is comets. Comets orbit the sun just like planets. However, comets usually have a more lopsided orbit. When comets get close to the sun, parts of their icy surface boil off, and debris such as dust and particles fly off the comets. Several times a year when the Earth crosses the orbit of a comet, a bunch of comet debris collides into Earth. As a result, we have meteor showers.

10 You may be thinking debris from comets colliding with Earth sounds dangerous and scary, but there is no need to be alarmed. During a meteor shower, the meteoroids are typically the size of dust particles to boulders. The majority of the time, they are small enough to burn up in our Earth's atmosphere, so the chance of them hitting Earth's surface is extremely rare. So, when you see meteor showers, stay calm and enjoy the magnificent display of shooting stars.

11 Interestingly enough, the tails of shooting stars might be seen anywhere in the night sky, but their tails always seem to point back at the same spot in the sky. This happens because meteors are coming towards us at the same angle, and when they get closer towards our planet, it starts to look like they are getting farther apart.

12 Be sure to check out the next meteor shower! As you gaze up into the sky, think about all the amazing things happening in our solar system that create the sight. Maybe someday you'll be intrigued to work for NASA and learn more about meteors and how they are created.

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