

Rosa Parks Readers Theatre Script

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All [sound effect]
1 Channel Five Breaking News!
2 Fifty years ago today, an African American woman
3 who became an American Legend
ALL changed the course of history!
4 This woman was
ALL Rosa Parks
5 In 1955, she deliberately disobeyed the discriminating white law that
decreed
ALL Blacks must move to the back of the bus! [gesture]
6 What's wrong with the back of the bus?
7 Yeah, we waited three years to sit in the back of the bus.
8 It's cool to sit in the back. [gesture]
ALL Yeah, but this is now, that was then.
9 Back in the fifties, African Americans were considered worse than
second class citizens.
10 No way!
11 That's racist! [sound effect]
12 Rosa Parks really made a difference back then.
5 She's an African American icon.
4 She took a big stand back then, facing the entire country!
13 Would you be brave enough to do that?
7 I would've been afraid of being arrested!
1-4 Of being abused.
5-8 Of being beaten.
ALL Of being lynched! [gesture]
1 But Rosa Parks wasn't afraid.
9-11 No way! [gesture]
2 She became
ALL The mother of the Civil Rights Movement [gesture]
3 By simply saying
5 "I'm tired of giving up my seat".