

Write Your Text: **Heart of the Story** or During

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Topic: Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott

Task: Use your note cards or the summary section of your Cornell Notes pages for the Heart of the Story section. Write a summary of this information below. Brainstorm the illustrations and quotes that support your ideas.

My Summary: **What** happened? **How** did it happen? **When** did it happen? **Why** did it happen? **Who** was involved or affected? **Where** did it happen?

Rosa Park's arrest was the spark for a 381 day bus boycott that began in Montgomery, Alabama.
on December 5, 1955. Community leaders saw her arrest as an opportunity to challenge
segregation on public transportation.

Religious and Civil Rights leaders began a one-day boycott, organized by the newly formed
Montgomery Improvement Association. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was selected as the leader.
Influenced by Gandhi and Christian Pacifism, King advocated for non-violence,
which he felt would build support from people in the white community.

At first, the MIA's demands didn't include an end to segregation. They wanted courtesy from
drivers, the hiring of black drivers, and seating on a first-come, first-serve basis.

As the boycott went on, the MIA raised funds and coordinated transportation for the boycotters.
The bus company and businesses in Montgomery began to suffer economically. Five women
then sued the city to end segregation.

Illustrations

What have you found? Try pictures, paintings, documents, newspapers, or maps. Print illustrations and attach to this page.

1. Rosa Parks mug shot, arrest record
2. Bus Boycott headline from New York Times
3. Cab photos from during boycott
4. Map of Montgomery, Alabama
5. Jo Ann Robinson's flyer about boycott

Quotes

What have you found? Focus on quotes from primary sources. Print quotes and staple to this page.

1. Who said it: Rosa Parks
When: "My Story," 1992
2. Who said it: Martin Luther King, Jr.
When: Statement on Ending Boycott, 1956
3. Who said it: Claudette Colvin
When: Twice Toward Justice, 2009

