

Rosa Parks

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Rosa Parks was born as Rosa Louise McCauley on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama, U.S. Her parents separated and she moved to Pine Level just outside of the state capital of Montgomery. And that was where she grew up and went to school. Rosa Parks, as a child suffered from chronic tonsillitis.

When she grew up she became very active in the Civil Rights Movement. On November 27, 1955, she attended a mass meeting to talk about the murder of Emmett Till as well as the recent murders of activists George W. Lee and Lamar Smith. And even though the case of Emmett Till received more attention than any of Parks' other cases the two men who murdered him were still walking free. The first time she got on a bus she paid her fare and was going to her seat when the bus driver told her she needed to follow the rules and exit the bus and go through the back doors and when she got off the bus to do just that he drove off without her. Shortly after that Rosa Parks got on a bus again and when she was asked to move out of her seat she refused. Shortly after she was arrested. Not very long afterward they started the Montgomery Bus Boycott in her honor. After her arrest, she became a Civil Rights Icon.

I believe that if it was not for this lady the U.S. as we know it today would not be the same. I believe that it is thanks to the things that Rosa Parks did that set off the events that happened afterward and because people saw that this woman was not afraid to stand up for her rights and see her standing up for her belief that all men and women regardless of the color of their skin.