Rosa Parks

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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below. Rosa Parks' mother, Leona, homeschooled her until she was eleven, then she attended a private school; the Montgomery Industrial School for Girls. She attended college, but had to drop out to care for her grandmother who became ill. Later she cared for her mother. She married Raymond Parks, who was a barber. They were active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the NAACP. Rosa worked as a seamstress. It was very tiring sitting at a sewing machine and sewing all day. To get to work she rode the bus. On December 1, 1955 after a hard day at work, Rosa was riding the bus home when the driver asked her and three black men to move to make more room in the white section. The three men moved, but Rosa refused. A police officer came, arrested her and took her to jail. She was bailed out that evening. A group was formed and 35,000 handbills were distributed calling for a boycott of the buses. For more than a year, 381 days, they boycotted the buses. They carpooled, rode in cabs, and walked to work. On November 13, 1956 the United States Supreme Court ruled that segregation was unlawful. The boycott was over. Rosa lost her job and was unable to get another one in Montgomery. She and Raymond moved to Virginia. During her lifetime she was awarded many honors for her courageous stand. Rosa Parks passed away on October 24, 2005 at the age of 92. Her casket was placed in the rotunda of the United States Capitol for two days. This is an honor usually only reserved for Presidents when they die. People waited in line for pay their respects.

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