





This is Dr. Martin Luther King.

He lived over 60 years ago, and led the fight for equal rights for black people in America.

Key facts

- Dr. Martin Luther King didn't believe in using violence to change things. Instead, he gave powerful speeches and led peaceful protests.
- Even so, he was arrested and sent to prison 29 times.
- He never gave up the fight for equal rights, and made a real difference.

Did you know?

- When Dr. Martin Luther King was only six years old, he wasn't allowed to play with his white friend. This made him very sad.
- Dr. King was very clever. He skipped two years of school and went to university when he was 15.
- In America there is a holiday called **Martin Luther King Day**. It takes place on a Monday close to his birthday - January 15.



This is Rosa Parks.

In 1955, she refused to give up her seat on a bus for a white person. Her actions changed American history forever.

Key facts

- In 1950s America black people were treated unfairly. One person who tried to change this was Rosa Parks.
- On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks was tired of having to give up her bus seat and she said “No” to a white person.
- This started the Montgomery bus boycott.

Did you know?

- The bus boycott was only meant to last for one day. In the end it lasted over a year, until the law was changed.
- Rosa’s job was sewing and making clothes. She worked in a shop, but after her arrest she lost her job as a seamstress.
- Rosa had to move away to a new city to find work. She lived in Detroit for the rest of her life, which was very far from Montgomery.



Rosa refused to give up her seat.



For a year, people walked to work.



Black and white people sit together.