

Short extracts taken from our Rosa Parks diary entries

I remember the man arrested the lady. I felt uncomfortable. I felt worried for her. I didn't know what was going to happen to her. When I saw the lady stepping into the police car, I felt sad and angry. It didn't seem fair.

Alissa

I felt angry when the police arrived. I went over and said, "This is silly. It doesn't matter about the colour of people's skin."
"You are not involved. Now, if you speak again, I will arrest you too."
I felt bad that I said that but I knew I was being good standing up for the black woman. I decided to get off the bus too and ended up walking all the way home. I never forgot that lady.

Annabel

I saw the white seats on the bus were full up and a white man didn't have anywhere to sit. I was in the white section because I was going to my friend's house. The bus driver told a black lady to stand up but she said no. The driver said he was going to call the police. I was like why would she get put in jail just because she sat in the white section? I was so angry. I just couldn't handle it. I hope she is ok. I was so shocked.

Ava

I had just finished work and got on the bus. I wasn't sitting down for long when something happened. The white section was full and so a man asked a black lady to move. Do you know what? She said, "No!" I was shocked because this had never happened before. I wanted to

stand up for her. The bus driver rushed off the bus to call the police. I wanted to say, "No, that's not right." The police came on the bus and arrested the brave woman. That was the most shocking day of my life.

Mog

It was a normal day in Montgomery. I got on the bus and saw a black woman sat in the white section. There was no space for a man to sit down so he told the lady to get up. The driver told her to move but she still refused. Then he called the police. I was worried for her. I felt angry. Everyone looked out of the window as the lady was taken away.

Noah

I was sat on the bus. I was bored. I just sat there with my arm on the windowsill. A black woman came on and sat down in front of me. I just thought it was normal but then I noticed that she was in the white section. A white man told her to move. I was shocked. Then the driver told her to get up but she refused. It was so chaotic. I couldn't believe my eyes. The driver said that he would call the police. I was angry at the driver. The police came on and took her away. The white man sat down and just started chatting to the person next to him.

Zach