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Shades of History:
The Montgomery Bus Boycott/Beyond Black and White

Activist
A political activist is someone who takes action to try to change laws or otherwise persuade people to improve society, according to his or her views. Often activism involves organizing events such as protests, boycotts, marches, media campaigns, and other activities through which groups of people communicate through action what they want those in power to change.

The Montgomery Bus Boycott was an example of the type of nonviolent protest that became an important part of the civil rights movement. Your job is to figure out what made the boycott work and bring your expertise back to your group. As you read, view, and listen, look for what surprises you, what you think is most interesting and important, and what you want to know more about, and try to make note of information obtained from primary sources.

Please use the resources on the Web page below to answer these questions:
http://www.phenomenotions.org/curriculum/shades/activist.htm

1. Who started the Montgomery Bus Boycott? Which people and organizations contributed to making the boycott happen?

2. What changes were they trying to make? Why?

3. What actions did they take toward their goals? What actions did they choose not to take? Why?

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