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

### **Biographer**

A biographer tells the story of someone's life. Someone in this role is interested in how a person is shaped by the people and events in her life as well as how that person influences the world around her. In addition to getting information directly from the subject of a biography, biographers try to find out about their subjects through people who knew them.

Rosa Parks is often referred to as "the mother of the civil rights movement." Your job is to find out more about this important historical figure 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/biographer.htm>

1. Who was Rosa Parks? What happened in Rosa's life before she was arrested on December 1, 1955 that might have influenced her actions on that day?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is Rosa's view of the events of her arrest? Why did she do it?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. If you had been in Rosa's shoes, what do you think you would have done? Have you ever been in a similar position where you did something that involved taking big risks in order to achieve a goal? What did you lose? What did you gain?