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

### **Investigative Reporter**

An investigative reporter tries to find out the facts about a particular event or series of events. Accuracy of information is important in this role, as are specific details, including the exact words of people who witnessed the events. Reporters often use the following key questions to frame their investigations: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?

The Montgomery Alabama arrest of Rosa Parks and the bus boycott that followed it were major national news events. Your job is to uncover the facts that are most significant in the story of the boycott, make sure that they are as accurate as possible, 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/reporter.htm>

1. What are the most important dates and events related to the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955? For each event, how would you answer the reporter's key questions?
2. What are some details about the boycott that you consider important, which might have been left out of other accounts you have read or heard?
3. What are your sources? How reliable are they? How do you know? Why does it matter?