

# Brazos Valley African American Museum



**Curriculum Learning Trunk  
Lesson Plans for Grades 5-8**

**Rosa Parks**

**A look into her impact in not only the Montgomery Bus Boycotts, but in the ongoing Civil Rights Movement.**

**Rosa Parks: Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson Plan**  
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**Curriculum Learning Trunk - Lesson Plan**

- OBJECTIVE:** By the end of the class, the students will be able to have a better understanding of Rosa Parks and how her participation in the bus boycotts impacted the Civil Rights Movement by participating in classroom discussions and activities students will have a full understanding of the events that lead to breakthrough for the movement.
- TEKS:** **Knowledge and Skills**  
**8.31: Social studies skills**  
The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others, in a variety of settings.
- Time: 45-60 minutes  
Materials: Rosa Parks video, PowerPoint, Rosa Parks game, script for play, and *Rosa* the book.
- ENGAGE:** Tell class that this information is important for upcoming game. Have posters/timeline hung around room). Show the class the provided movie clip showing the Rosa Parks bus and listen to her recounts of the event. This will help the students focus on what they are learning, and be able to transition to discussion. Rosa Parks Bus and Commentary: <https://youtu.be/dO2KBh9JPj0>. Have students journal initial thoughts on Rosa Parks, her impact, and the Civil Rights Movement.
- EXPLORE:** **Step 1:** Rosa Parks video and personal reflection  
**Step 2:** Rosa Parks PowerPoint  
**Step 3:** Rosa Parks/Civil Rights Movements game  
**Step 4:** (short) Discussion over PowerPoint and game  
**Step 5:** Divide students into skit groups (3-4 students, or whatever class numbers permits)  
**Step 6:** Perform group skits  
**Step 7:** (*If time left*) Rosa by: Nikki Giovanni
- EXPLAIN:** Video: Rosa Parks Bus and Commentary: <https://youtu.be/dO2KBh9JPj0>  
Rosa Parks PowerPoint  
Book: Rosa by: Nikki Giovanni
- ELABORATE:** The students will participate by performing the skit in small groups after going through the video and powerpoint. Students will also write in their journal their initial thoughts of Rosa Parks, her impact, and the Civil Rights Movement.
- EVALUATE:** The teacher will know if the students have a deeper knowledge of Rosa Parks and the Civil Rights Movement, by evaluating them during the game. Teachers also can evaluate their students through the reflections and journals written by the students after the initial video. The skits performed by the groups will show their individual knowledge of the

events and the effects the Montgomery Bus Boycotts had on the Civil Rights Movement.

**EXTENSION:**

*Rosa* by: Nikki Giovanni

This book is useful because it shows a deeper knowledge of Rosa's life and provides a visual outlet for students to use.

<https://youtu.be/B4AurGX5vGs>

This video shares a more elaborate, but simple view of Rosa Parks story and the ongoing Civil Rights Movement.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

This lesson can be adapted for students with special needs by adjusting the skit to accommodate every student. For Spanish speakers share the video provided in Spanish to incorporate English and Spanish into the lesson plan.