

WORKBOOK



GRADE 3 Science/Social Studies

Based on the #1 New York Times Best-Selling Who Was? Series

Mini-biographies with maps, diagrams, timelines, and graphic organizers, plus puzzles, word searches, and tons of fun!



Aligns with Common Core State Standards Initiative

Just for Fun!

LAUGH OUT LOUD!

Write the answer to each joke. Use the answer choices in the box on the next page.

What did the sheep say when he saw President Obama?



Why were Betsy Ross's feet tired?



When did Abraham Lincoln make meatballs?



Why did Michelle Obama win the marathon?



Why do cows like Neil Armstrong?



Why did Thomas Edison read so much about electricity?



Why was Sally Ride so hungry?



Why did Orville and Wilbur Wright like to stay inside?



Why did Amelia Earhart want to fly around the world?



What did Ben Franklin say after discovering that lightning was electricity?



Answer Choices

"I am shocked!"

Because he liked current events!

Because life at home

was too plane!

Because she forgot to eat her *launch*!

During the *Spaghetti*-sburg Address!

Because she was the First Lady

to cross the finish line!

Because they were in-ventors!

Because of her American

indepen-dance!

Because he was the first man

on the mooooooo-n!

"Hi, Baaaaa-rack!"



QUIET COURAGE Rosa Parks

As you read:

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- Add drawings or notes to remember important facts

osa Parks grew up in Alabama.
At that time in the South, Black
people and white people led separate
lives. Black children and white children
went to separate schools.

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Rosa enjoyed school. But after she started high school, she had to drop out. Why? She had to take care of her sick grandmother. It wasn't until after she married that she finished high school.

Rosa and her husband moved to
Montgomery, Alabama. There she
became active in the Civil Rights
Movement. Rosa joined the NAACP
(National Association for the

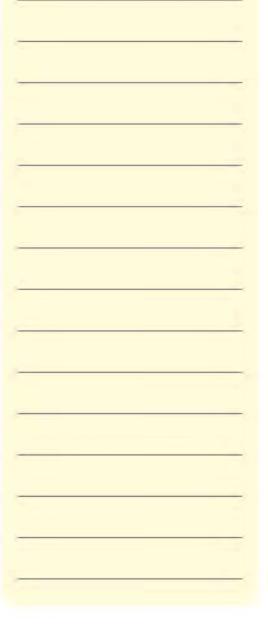
Advancement of Colored People). It is the oldest civil rights group in the U.S.

In 1955, Rosa was working in a department store. Each day, she rode the bus to and from work. One day, the bus driver told her to give up her seat for a white person. Rosa would not get up. She was arrested!

Rosa's arrest led to a bus boycott. Black people stopped riding the buses for over a year. Then in 1956, the boycott ended. There would be no more "whites only" seats on buses. It

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was Rosa's quiet courage that sparked the change.



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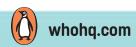


USE A TIMELINE

Use the timeline below and the passage about Rosa Parks to answer the questions on the next page.

Timeline of Rosa Parks's Life

- 1913 Born in Tuskegee, Alabama
- 1924 Enrolls in Montgomery Industrial School for Girls
- 1932 Marries Raymond Parks
- 1934 Receives high school diploma
- 1943 Becomes secretary of the Montgomery chapter of the NAACP
- 1944 Works at Maxwell Air Force Base
- 1945 Registers to vote
- 1955 Is arrested for refusing to give her bus seat to a white person on December 1; Montgomery Bus Boycott starts
- 1956 Montgomery Bus Boycott ends
- 1957 Moves to Detroit, Michigan
- 1965 Begins working for Rep. John Conyers, Jr., of Michigan
- 1977 Raymond Parks dies
- 1987 Establishes the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development
- 1988 Retires after more than twenty years in Conyers's office
- 1992 Publishes her first book, Rosa Parks: My Story, with Jim Haskins
- Receives the highest U.S. civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom
- 1999 Awarded the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor
- 2005 Dies at 92



QUESTIONS

1.	Where and when was Rosa Parks born?
2.	When did Rosa receive her high school diploma? Why did it take so long?
3.	What role did Rosa have in the NAACP?
1.	Rosa's refusal to give up her seat on the bus had big effects. What were they?
5.	What honors did Rosa receive?
5.	What impressed you the most about Rosa Parks?



HIGH HOPES AND DREAMS Sonia Sotomayor

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hen Sonia was growing up, she watched a TV show called *Perry Mason*. It was about a clever lawyer who defended people. Sonia thought maybe she could be a lawyer like Perry Mason! She knew she'd have to study hard and get good grades. So that is what she did.

All through her school years, Sonia worked hard. During high school, she also had a part-time job. Her family was poor, and she had to help out. Sonia was pleased when she got a



full scholarship



to Princeton University. That meant she didn't have to pay for school. In 1976, she graduated with honors. Then she went on to Yale Law School.

When Sonia graduated from law school, her dream came true! She became a lawyer in New York City. In fact, she was a very successful lawyer for many years. Then Sonia had a new dream. She wanted to become a judge. And of course, she did! Sonia also taught classes at six different law schools. She gave speeches all over the country, too. Life was good. Then in 2009, it got even better! She received a call from the White House. President Obama told her he would name her to be a justice on the Supreme Court. On August 8, 2009, Sonia took the oath to be a justice on the highest court in the land.

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TRUE OR FALSE?

Read each statement about Sonia Sotomayor. Write **true** or **false** on the line. Then rewrite the false statements on the lines below to make them true.

1. When Sonia was growing up, she wanted to be
a judge.
Sonia got good grades without studying very much.
 Sonia received a scholarship to attend Princeton University.
 4. Sonia became a very successful lawyer.
5. President Bush named Sonia to be a justice on the Supreme Court.
6. Sonia became a Supreme Court justice in 2009.

CAREER PATHS

When Sonia Sotomayor was a young girl, she started thinking about what she might want to be when she grew up. Now it's your turn! Write about a career that you think would be a good fit for you. Explain why you think that job would be interesting. Describe the education or training you would need to do that job. Then draw a picture that shows you at work.						
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ANSWER KEY





Where and when was Rosa Parks born? Rosa Parks was born in Tuskegee, Alabama, in 1913.

QUESTIONS

- When did Rosa receive her high school diploma? Why did it take so long?
 Rosa received her high school diploma in 1934. She had
 to quit high school when she was younger to take care of
 her grandmother.
- 3. What role did Rosa have in the NAACP?

 She became secretary of the Montgomery chapter of the NAACP.
- 4. Rosa's refusal to give up her seat on the bus had big effects. What were they?

Rosa was arrested. Her arrest led to a bus boycott. The boycott led to a change in the laws. There would be no more "whites only" seats on buses.

- Rosa received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- 6. What impressed you the most about Rosa Parks?

 Answers will vary.

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