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Learn and have fun with history's greatest people!

# Who Was?

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!

SAMPLE PAGES!



Aligns with Common Core State Standards Initiative

## LAUGH OUT LOUD!

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

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When did Abraham Lincoln make meatballs?



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Why did Michelle Obama win the marathon?



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Why do cows like Neil Armstrong?



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Why did Thomas Edison read so much about electricity?



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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:

- Underline important words
- Circle confusing words or sentences
- Add drawings or notes to remember important facts

### NOTES

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**R**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.

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 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
- 1996** 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?

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2. When did Rosa receive her high school diploma? Why did it take so long?

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3. What role did Rosa have in the NAACP?

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4. Rosa's refusal to give up her seat on the bus had big effects.  
What were they?

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5. What honors did Rosa receive?

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6. What impressed you the most about Rosa Parks?

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# HIGH HOPES AND DREAMS

## Sonia Sotomayor

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**W**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









## 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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Sonia got good grades without studying very much.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. 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.

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# 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

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Why did Michelle Obama win the marathon?  
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Why do cows like Neil Armstrong?  
Because he was the first man on the mooooooo-n! 


Why did Thomas Edison read so much about electricity?  
Because he liked current events! 

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**QUESTIONS**

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- 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.
- What role did Rosa have in the NAACP?  
She became secretary of the Montgomery chapter of the NAACP.
- 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.
- What honors did Rosa receive?  
Rosa received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- What impressed you the most about Rosa Parks?  
Answers will vary.


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