

APPENDIX 2.5 What's It All About? Exit Slip

Name: _____ Date: _____

Title: Rosa Parks: Civil Rights Heroine

Main Topic:

Paragraph	Focus
<p>Rosa Parks was born on February 4, 1913, in a small town in Alabama. Her mother was a teacher, and her father was a carpenter. Her parents separated when she was young, and she lived with her mother after that. They lived on a farm with her grandparents and her younger brother.</p>	<p>Rosa Parks's family</p>
<p>Rosa Parks knew about the different laws for African Americans and whites even when she was very young. These laws were called Jim Crow laws. During all the years she went to school, Rosa had to walk there. All the white students could take the school bus. The schools for the white children were much better than the schools that Rosa and her friends went to. This was because Rosa and her friends were African American. Rosa went to high school in Montgomery, but she couldn't finish because she had to take care of her sick grandmother.</p>	

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<p>On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks was coming home from a long day at work. She was sitting on the bus, at the front of the African American section. As the bus went on its route, it filled up with passengers. The white section became full, and the bus driver asked Rosa and three other African American passengers to give up their seats. The other three stood up, but Rosa was tired of giving in to the unfair laws. She did not stand up. The bus driver called the police, and Rosa Parks was arrested.</p>	
<p>After Rosa was arrested, African Americans all over Montgomery stood up together against the unfair laws. On the day of Rosa's trial, 40,000 African Americans got to work without riding the bus. This was called boycotting the buses. They rode in cars together, or took taxis driven by African Americans, or even walked as far as twenty miles. The Montgomery Bus Boycott went on for 381 days, or one year and sixteen days.</p>	