Rosa Parks

4 February 1913 - 24 October 2005
African American Civil Rights Activist

Private life
* born in Alabama
* of African ancestry
* husband = Raymond Parks (1932-1977 his death)
* a seamstress

Life:
• Dec 1st 1955: refused to give up her seat in a bus
  • arrested
• became an iconic figure for the Civil Rights Movement
• collaborated with Civil Rights leaders,
  including Martin Luther King
• secretary of the Montgomery section of the NAACP
• after retirement, wrote her autobiography

What to remember of the Civil Rights movement?
# 1960s Civil Rights Movement = social movements in the USA which aimed at ending racial segregation and discrimination against African-Americans.
* main leader = Martin Luther King
# 1954 - 1968
* acts of non-violence protest and civil disobedience: Boycotts, sit-ins, marches
* Civil Rights Act 1964 + Voting Rights Act 1695