



Rosa's Bus: The Ride to Civil Rights

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Geography, Math, Rhymes and Lightening the Load

Geography

Trace the life of Rosa's Bus on a United States Map.

The bus was built in Pontiac, Michigan in March 1948.

From there it went into service in Terre Haute, Indiana from 1948-1954.

Then it was moved to Montgomery, Alabama, where it was in service from 1954-1971.

After sitting in a field for many years, it was finally purchased by the Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan in 2001 and put on display in 2003.

Using facts above, determine how many years the bus was in each location.

Math

The bus boycott began on December 1, 1955, when Rosa Parks, an African American woman, was arrested for refusing to surrender her seat to a white man, and continued until December 20, 1956.

In some sources the bus boycott is said to have lasted 381 days, in other sources it says 382 days.

Why? Some people fail to account for the extra day in leap year in 1956.

Bus Rhyme Time

Let children come up with words that rhyme with bus and then write a poem about a bus.

Lighten the Load

Share some funny books about buses such as *Busasaurus Bop* by Diane Z. Shore and *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems.