



## *Rosa's Bus: The Ride to Civil Rights*

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### **Vocabulary Word Race**

- This game is designed to stimulate children's thinking related to the subject at hand. The end result is a list of vocabulary words for the class.
- Display or project the book's cover illustration.
- Set a timer for 3-5 minutes and instruct children to write down as many words as they can think of related to the book's subject.
- The list may include nouns, verbs and /or adjectives.
- When the timer goes off, pencils are set down.
- Have each child then read off the words on his or her list.
- If anyone else has the same word they raise their hand and mark it off their list. (As each new child recites his/her list, they read only words that have not yet been mentioned.)
- If the reader is the only one with a word, they circle the word.
- Enlist one volunteer ( or the teacher) to write all unique words on the white board and on large index cards.
- When all is finished, the child with the most unique words circled wins the game.
- If a child uses an inappropriate word, the proper usage should be explained and the word disallowed from counting in the game.