

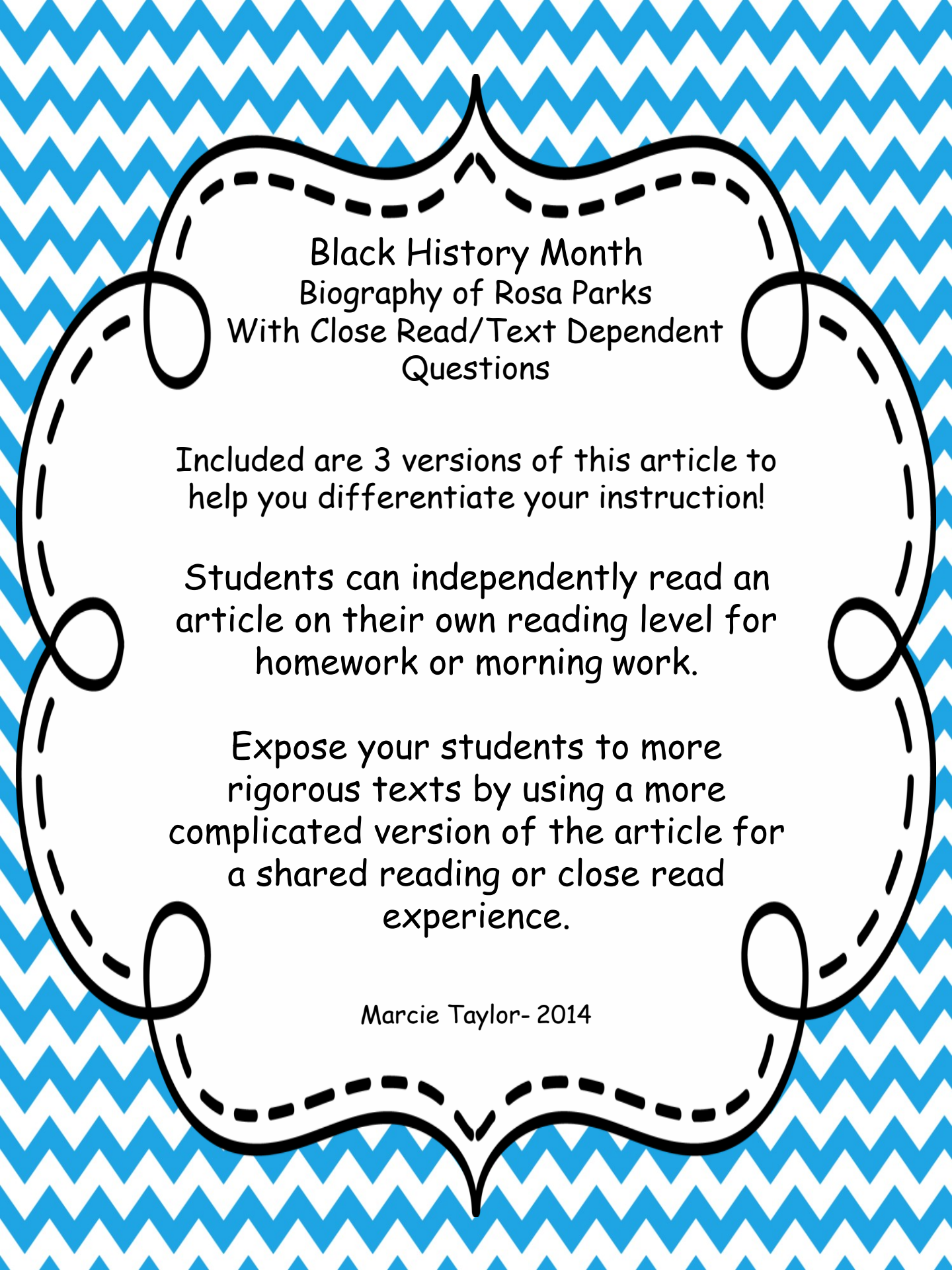
**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

Differentiated

Biography
OF

ROSA PARKS





Black History Month
Biography of Rosa Parks
With Close Read/Text Dependent
Questions

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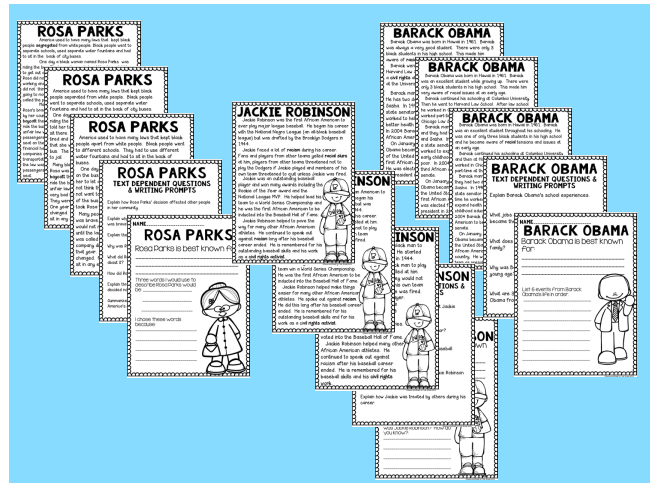
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- Jackie Robinson
- Barack Obama
- Harriet Tubman
- Ruby Bridges
- Fredrick Douglass
- Thurgood Marshall
- Muhammad Ali
- Ella Fitzgerald
- Simone Biles
- Booker T. Washington
- George Washington Carver




You may also be interested in furthering your Black History Month instruction with these other highly rated resources.

Black History Month


28 "Biography Briefs"



Thurgood Marshall
-Lived in 1908-1993
-Civil Rights lawyer
-First African American to serve on the Supreme Court



Miles Davis
-Lived: 1926-1991
-Songwriter, trumpet player
-Nine time Grammy winner including a Lifetime Achievement Grammy in 1991



Rosa Parks
-Lived 1913-2005
-Civil Rights Activist best known for refusing to give her bus seat to a white passenger this inspired the Montgomery bus boycott
-Won many awards including NAACP's highest award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and the Martin Luther King Jr. award
-Named one of the 20 Most Influential People of the 20th Century by Time Magazine

Black History Month Bundle

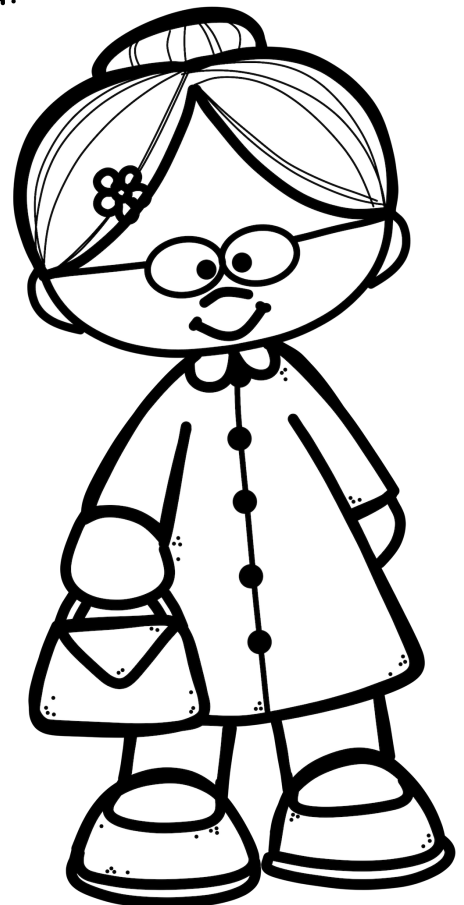
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ROSA PARKS

America used to have many laws that kept black people **segregated** from white people. Black people went to separate schools, used separate water fountains and had to sit in the back of city buses.

One day a black woman named Rosa Parks was riding the bus. The bus got crowded and the driver told her to get out of her seat and let a white person sit there. Rosa did not think this was fair. She was tired after working and she was tired of having to do things that she did not think were right. She decided that she was not going to move to the back of the bus. The bus driver called the police and Rosa was arrested.

Many black people admired Rosa's bravery. They were inspired by her courage and decided to **boycott** the buses. They would not ride the buses anymore until the unfair law was changed and all passengers could sit on any empty seat on the bus. This caused a huge financial hardship for the bus companies and the city's transportation system. One year later the law was changed and all passengers could sit in any empty seat.

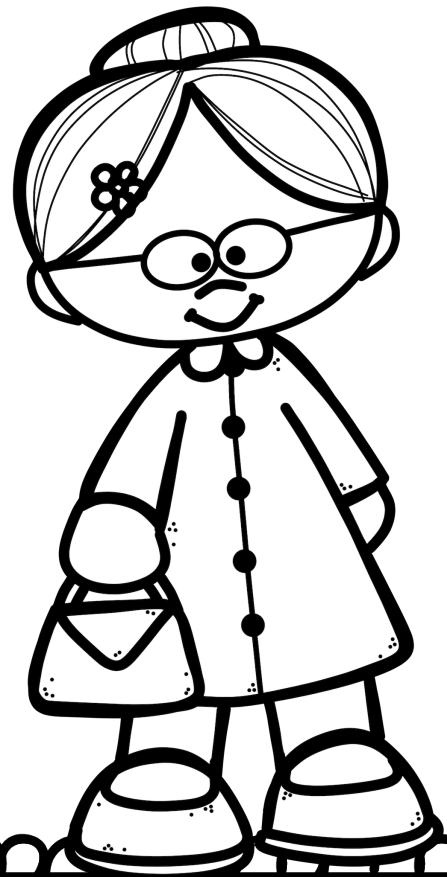


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Many black people thought that Rosa was brave. They decided to boycott the buses. They would not ride the buses anymore until the unfair law was changed. This was very bad for the bus company. They weren't making enough money. One year later the law was changed. Now black people could sit in any empty seat on the bus.

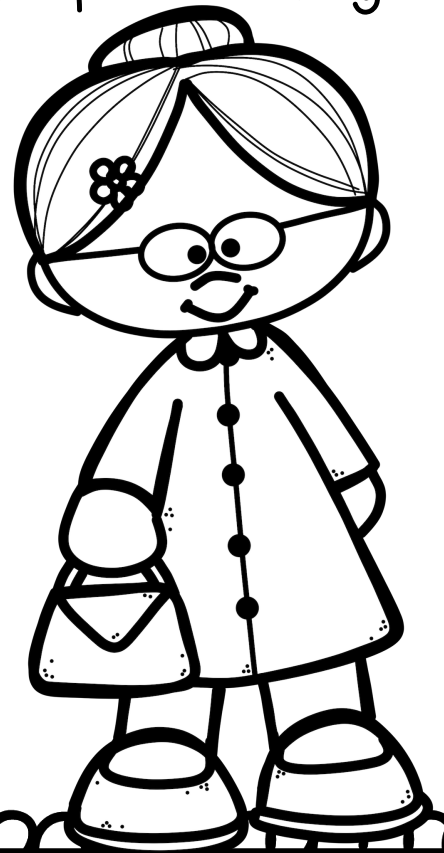


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America used to have many laws that kept black people apart from white people. Black people went to different schools. They had to use different water fountains and had to sit in the back of buses.

One day a black woman named Rosa Parks was on the bus. The bus was very full. The driver told her to let a white person have her seat. Rosa did not think this was fair. She was tired and she did not want to stand. She did not move to the back of the bus. The bus driver called the police. They took Rosa to jail.

Many people thought that Rosa was brave. Black people said they would not ride the bus anymore until the law was changed. This was called a **boycott**. The bus company did not make any money that year. One year later the law changed. Now black people could sit in any empty seat on the bus.



ROSA PARKS

TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS & WRITING PROMPTS

Explain how Rosa Parks' decision affected other people in her community.

Explain why the author states that "people thought Rosa was brave".

Explain the boycott that Rosa Parks inspired.

Why was Rosa Parks arrested?

What did Rosa Parks think was unfair? What did she do about it?

How did Rosa Parks help to get an unfair law changed?

Explain three things that happened after Rosa Parks decided not to get out of her seat on the bus.

Summarize why Rosa Parks was an important person in America's history.

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