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Montgomery's Stand

Directions: Read the historical passage carefully. Identify the **main ideas** and the **most important details**. Write a summary of **3-5 sentences** in your own words. Make sure your summary leaves out small details but captures the overall meaning.

The Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955–1956)

In December 1955, Rosa Parks, an African American woman, refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Her arrest sparked outrage and inspired a community-wide protest against segregated seating on buses. For over a year, African Americans in Montgomery walked, carpooled, or found other ways to travel instead of using the buses. The boycott placed great economic pressure on the bus system and drew national attention to the struggle for civil rights. Leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. rose to prominence during the movement, calling for justice through peaceful protest. After many months, the Supreme Court ruled that bus segregation was unconstitutional, marking a major victory for the civil rights movement.

Your Summary:
