Seats and Fairness

Read how an Alabama protest connects to a national holiday.

SS24.2.13 "Explain how national historical figures and celebrations relate to fundamental democratic principles. 13a Research and explain the importance of individual founders and significant figures who shaped the nation..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the unfair bus rule and circle what people did to protest it. Put a 1 beside the sentence that tells why the holiday matters.

A Bus Ride in Alabama

1. In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. A city rule made Black riders give up seats for white riders. People stopped riding the buses to protest. Martin Luther King, Jr., helped lead this peaceful protest.

2. The bus protest lasted more than a year. A court ruled that the city's bus rules were against the law. King kept working for equal rights. He wanted people to have the same rights, no matter their skin color.

3. Each January, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day honors King's work. The holiday reminds us that people can speak up and work together for fair rules. Montgomery's bus protest links Alabama to this national holiday and to the idea of equal rights.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did bus riders work together to challenge the unfair rule?

2. How did King show that people can work for fair rules?

3. Why does Martin Luther King, Jr. Day have a link to Alabama?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a school rule that lets only some students use the playground. Write two sentences: tell how students could work together peacefully to change it, and explain how this would show the idea honored on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · SS24.2.13

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the unfair bus rule and circle what people did to protest it. Put a 1 beside the sentence that tells why the holiday matters. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did bus riders work together to challenge the unfair rule?	**They stopped riding the buses to protest the rule.**
2	How did King show that people can work for fair rules?	**He helped lead a peaceful protest against the bus rule.**
3	Why does Martin Luther King, Jr. Day have a link to Alabama?	**The holiday honors King's work, which included leading a bus protest in Montgomery, Alabama.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Students could ask the principal to let everyone use the playground. Working together for a fair rule would show the holiday's idea of equal rights.

Accept answers that connect the Montgomery protest to King's work for equal rights. For Your Turn, look for a peaceful group action and a clear link to fairness or equal rights.