The Ride Changed

Trace the causes and effects of a past event.

2.C.2.3 "Explain reasons why past events happened and the changes they created by identifying the cause(s) and describing the effect(s) of an historical event."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two reasons the boycott began, circle what changed for riders and the bus company during it, and put a 1 beside the change on buses after the court ruling.

The Montgomery Bus Boycott

1. In 1955, buses in Montgomery, Alabama, had unfair rules. Black riders had to sit apart from white riders. One day, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white rider. Police arrested her for breaking the city rule.

2. Black neighbors were angry about Parks's arrest and the unfair bus rules. They began a bus boycott. A boycott means people stop using something to ask for change. For over a year, many Black riders walked or shared rides instead of taking buses.

3. With fewer riders, the bus company lost money. In 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that keeping riders apart by race on Montgomery buses was against the law. The boycott ended. Black and white riders could sit on buses without that rule.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why did Black neighbors begin the bus boycott?

2. What happened to the bus company because many riders stopped taking buses?

3. Why did the boycott end, and how did bus rides change?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence news note. Start with Parks's arrest, then explain why riders traveled differently during the boycott and why bus rides changed after the court ruling.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two reasons the boycott began, circle what changed for riders and the bus company during it, and put a 1 beside the change on buses after the court ruling. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did Black neighbors begin the bus boycott?	**They were angry about Rosa Parks's arrest and the unfair bus rules.**
2	What happened to the bus company because many riders stopped taking buses?	**The bus company lost money.**
3	Why did the boycott end, and how did bus rides change?	**The Supreme Court ruled that keeping riders apart by race was against the law. Black and white riders could sit on buses without that rule.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Police arrested Rosa Parks after she refused to give up her seat under an unfair rule. Because of her arrest and the rule, many Black riders stopped taking buses and walked or shared rides. After the court ruled against the rule, Black and white riders could sit on buses without it.

Accept responses that link Parks's arrest and the unfair rule to the boycott, and the court ruling to the end of the bus seating rule. Students need not use the word segregation.