

# Write Your History Day Thesis

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<b>When did it happen?</b>	_____ _____
<b>Why did it happen? What caused it?</b>	_____ _____ _____ _____
<b>Why is it important? How did it change history? Think about your theme connection!</b>	_____ _____ _____

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**Thesis Sentence 2: So what? How did your topic change history?**

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Name: Jenny Lopez Class/Period: 8

Topic: Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott

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<b>Who was involved / Who was affected?</b>	Rosa Parks, citizens in Montgomery, Alabama, civil rights leaders, Montgomery's government officials
<b>What happened?</b>	Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger, which violated a law enforcing segregation on Montgomery city buses. A boycott followed to challenge the law as unconstitutional.
<b>Where did it take place?</b>	Montgomery, Alabama
<b>When did it happen?</b>	Parks was arrested on December 1, 1955. Boycott began on December 5, 1955 and lasted 381 days.
<b>Why did it happen? What caused it?</b>	Civil Rights Movement leaders wanted to overturn segregation laws on public transportation through non-violent measures to gain support.
<b>Why is it important? How did it change history? Think about your theme connection!</b>	The boycott forced change in Montgomery and succeeded in overturning segregation laws. The success inspired other Civil Rights Movement protests and helped Martin Luther King, Jr. develop non-violent strategies to fight segregation.

## Thesis Sentence 1: Summarize the 5W's.

Protesting the tragedy of racial segregation, Rosa Parks was arrested on December 1, 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white passenger.

## Thesis Sentence 2: So what? How did your topic change history?

Through the year-long bus boycott that followed, boycott leaders triumphed in desegregating public transportation, opening doors for other civil rights movement victories.