

Rose Parks and Friends

BRIGHT STAR TOURING THEATRE

We know that everyone has heard of Rosa Parks, but how many of us really stop to think about the people that influenced her? Follow along Rosa's stories as she discusses heroic and brave abolitionists like Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, William Lloyd Garrison and more! Hear the bold and courageous words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and learn how we can change the world, one word, one action, and one step, at a time.

About the Production...

As the nation's largest provider of Black History programming, we are constantly moved, inspired, and taken aback by so many of the heroic historical figures that pushed this movement of progress along. One person that inspires us daily is none other than Rosa Parks. Rosa Parks was more than just a woman who refused to give up her seat. In this production, we will share with you the people who inspired her to stand up for what was right, even when it wasn't easy. Rosa Parks once said, "Each person must live their life as a model for others," and that is exactly what she did.

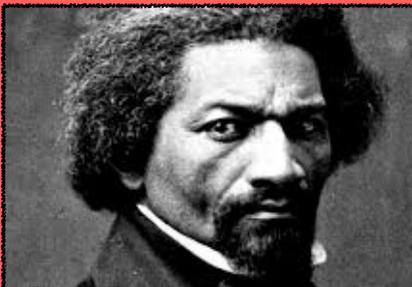


The Show at a Glance:

Running Time : 45-minutes Ideal Audience: Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Post Show Question/Answer lasting a few minutes.

Two Professional Actors traveling the country with this show!



FREDERICK DOUGLASS: Born in 1818, Mr. Douglass taught himself how to read and went on to become one of the most powerful voices of the Abolition Movement--one of his most iconic speeches is 'Fourth of July'



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. As the Leader of the Civil Rights Movement, his speeches empowered & inspired the nation! In 1963, he delivered the 'I Have a Dream Speech' in Washington DC.



SOJOURNER TRUTH: In 1851 her speech 'Ain't I a Woman?' was given at the Women's Convention in Akron. Born into slavery in 1791, Ms. Truth was one of the most powerful advocates for human rights in the 19th century.

FRIENDLY FACTS SPOTLIGHT!



* *Harriet Tubman was an incredible hero who risked her life multiple times to help over 300 people find their way to freedom! Later in life, she worked as a spy for the Union while working as a nurse in the Confederate army!*

* *Charles Alfred Anderson was another true hero! He is often referred to as “The Father of Black Aviation” for all that he did for the Tuskegee Airman. During World War 2, Charles, “Chief,” was not able to fly because of the color of his skin. He eventually flew the first lady of the time, Eleanor Roosevelt, to prove to people that the color or your skin does not make you unfit to fly! Because of that, he became a trainer in the military and went on to win hundreds of awards for his bravery, skill, and courage.*



SPOTLIGHT: FREDERICK DOUGLASS

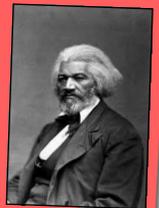


After teaching himself to read, Mr. Douglass eventually went on to print ‘The North Star’ an anti-slavery newspaper from 1847-1851. The paper had more than 4000 subscribers.



William Lloyd Garrison inspired Mr. Douglass to give a speech at the Massachusetts Anti-slavery Society Annual convention. His first hand account of living as a slave became a battle cry for the Abolition Movement.

Frederick Douglass became an avid speaker against slavery throughout his life. At his first speech, one correspondent said this of him:



“Flinty Hearts were pierced, and cold ones melted by his eloquence.”

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES!

Class Pledge: The Civil Rights Movement couldn't have happened without the teamwork of a lot of different people. As a class or school, write a pledge that you all agree on about the importance of equality in your class and display it all year long so you never forget working together for something great!

How to be a Hero!

Rosa Parks was a hero to many people. What are some qualities you think it takes to be a hero? Discuss what made Rosa Parks have the bravery and courage to stand up for what was right. How does she inspire you?



Even More Classroom Activities!

Living Museum: This is a great one that can invite your whole class to continue the education they learned in the show well past the performance! Have each of your students pick an important person throughout history that they would consider to be a hero. This person can be alive today, or maybe was born hundreds of years ago! Have them decide on their person and research 10 important facts about that person. When were they born? Where did they live? What did they accomplish? Etc. Then pick a day where everyone can come to class dressed as their hero of choice! This will become your Living Museum! Take turns having your students go up one at a time as they become their hero! Let them discuss who they are and why they are a hero.

CREATE YOUR OWN HEROIC ART!

Supplies needed: pencil, paper. For this project, students can work individually or in small groups of 2-3. The choice is up to you. Have each group or person create an artistic tribute to someone that they met in the show. Have them write a sentence, or two, that highlights why that person inspires them, and what makes them a hero.

DESIGN A DREAM

Do you dare to dream? Draw a poster with the headliner "I Have A Dream" then draw pictures of what dreams you have for your life or for your family and friends.

CHANGE THE WORLD

Break up your students into small groups, and have them discuss how they can change the world. What problems does our world face today that we can overcome? Have them discuss, and then share with the class how we can make the world a better place.



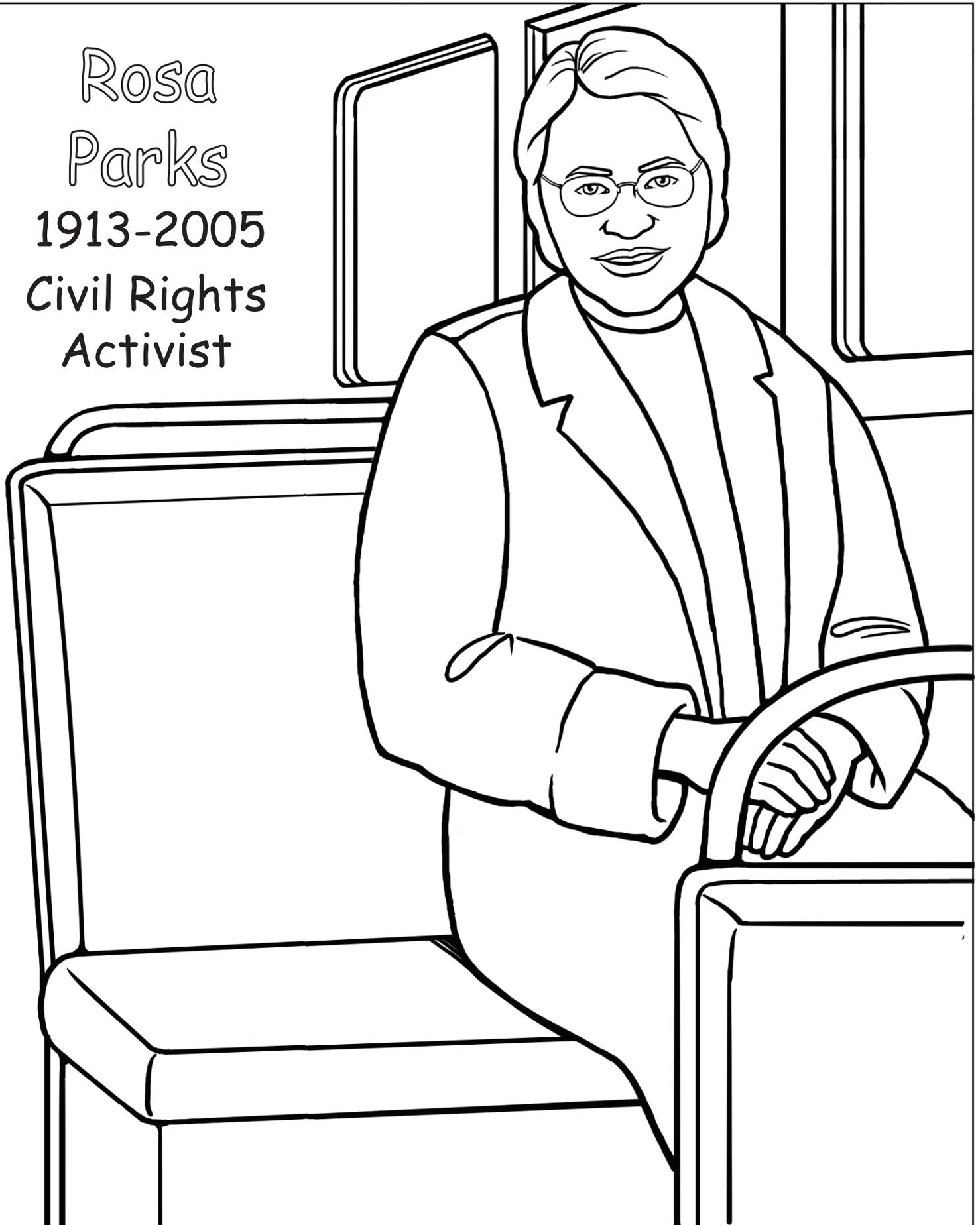
Color in Rosa Park's most iconic photograph

Rosa

Parks

1913-2005

Civil Rights
Activist



Before, During and After the Play...



YOU CAN DO THIS TOO!

Where to start: All of our actors started out playing and telling stories when they were young and then decided to study acting in school. Now they are pros! Here are some ways you can start doing theatre right away!

In School! Does your school have plays or musical performances? This is a great place to start.

In Your Community! Many towns have community theaters or local acting groups. See if you can try out!

Start Something! If your school doesn't have a drama club or a theatre club, talk to your favorite teacher about how you might be able to start one.

At Home! Get together with friends, cousins, brothers and sisters and make your own play. You can make up plays based on your favorite books and stories. Invite family and friends to see your performance.

Try your best at new things! There are lots of jobs in the theatre besides acting. There are people who paint the sets, make costumes, write plays and more. Get the most out of your art, music and English classes & you could be a theatre pro!



BEFORE YOU SEE THE PLAY...

Attending the theatre is very different from watching TV or going to the movies. For one thing, the actors are real people who are performing right then and there. They can see and hear everything that happens in the audience. Because of this, YOU are an important part of the play and its important to do your job as an audience member well. Here are some tips before you see the play.

1. Please be quiet and respectful so everyone else around you can hear and see what is happening on stage and so the actors can do their job.
2. The actors may ask you to participate. Don't be afraid to respond, ask a question or volunteer!
3. Keep your hands to yourself and your eyes up front.
4. If you like the play, be sure to clap at the end.
5. Have fun! Enjoy yourself!



After seeing the Play...

Write your own review of the play! A review is a way of telling your thoughts about a play, movie or book. Consider the following when you are writing your review.

What was your favorite part? Who was your favorite character? Can you summarize the play in your own words? If you had written this play, would you have done anything different? Would you recommend this play to a friend? Name one new thing you learned from watching this play!

FUN FACTS ABOUT THEATRE!

After a play is over and everyone goes home, there is always a light left on backstage. It's called a ghost light!

The oldest play that is still around was written by an Ancient Greek named Aeschylus. It's almost 2500 years old!

The longest performance on stage ever was over 23 hours long! It happened in New Jersey in 2010.

William Shakespeare is a famous playwright. He wrote 37 plays and is still quoted by many people. There are 157 million google pages that mention him-- the most of any famous person ever!

In theatre, it's considered bad luck to tell an actor, "Good luck" before a performance. Instead, you're supposed to say, "Break a leg!"

Ancient Greek audiences stamped their feet rather than clapping their hands to applaud.

Everything about the Theatre!



Some fun theatre vocabulary!

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Costumes: The wigs, clothing, and glasses that the actors wore to help flush out their characters .

Auditions: How an actor gets a role is by auditioning, they may have to interview, pretend to be a character from the play, read something from it, etc.

Set Designer: The person who decided what should be on the background and who painted or created it.

Upstage: The area away from the audience, like the back wall of the a stage.

Director: The person who told the actors where to go while they were on-stage and helped them create the characters they would play.

Facts about us!

1. Did you know that we're owned by an Emmy award winning actor?

2. Our actors average 1,000 miles a week traveling the country to entertain young audiences.

3. Our programs have been seen in almost every corner of the country and around the world.

4. We watch over 1200 actors a season audition, before we cast our season.

5. We offer dozens and dozens different shows a season from Black History to anti-bullying and literary classics.

6. *We now have tours throughout Europe!*

7. **We're based in Asheville, NC**



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ABOUT US!

Founded in 2003, Bright Star Theatre tours the nation offering high quality, affordable programs to every imaginable venue. We've had countless engagements at the National Theatre, toured Germany and Russia, and are so grateful to be in your very school today!

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We want every show to be special and remarkable for our audience. Please feel free to connect with us at anytime to tell us about your experience:

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