Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice

The Montgomery Alabama Bus Boycott

Rosa Parks

An INFO Guide and Pathfinder
The Beginnings

Welcome to this pathfinder about Claudette Colvin and the Montgomery Bus Boycott!

Read Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose.

This is the story of 15 year old, Claudette Colvin, who refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery Bus even though she was seated in the “Colored” section. She was arrested, given a fine, and released on probation to her parents. As she was being arrested, she yelled that it was her constitutional right to keep her seat on the bus. She made her stand months before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a different Montgomery bus which led to the famous Montgomery Bus Boycott. Claudette bravely faced a trial which ignited a passion and protest for desegregation. Let’s hear her story and think about her courage as we look back on the Civil Rights Movement and the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
**BOOKS**

*(Summaries from IMCPL)*

**Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose**

In 1950s Montgomery, Alabama, teenager Claudette Colvin struggles to overcome the vast racial differences and segregation policies that have a stranglehold on the entire city.

**Freedom Song: Young Voices and the Struggle for Civil Rights by Mary Turck**

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**The Civil Rights Movement for Kids by Mary Turck**

Describes the struggle for civil rights for African-Americans in the 1950s and 1960s and profiles important civil rights leaders. Includes suggested activities.
Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott by R. Freedman

When Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white man, a movement was set in motion that led to other nonviolent boycotts, marches, and walks--resulting in the civil rights movement and major social changes throughout the nation.

We Were There, Too! By Phillip Hoose

A unique take on American history focuses on the contributions of youth by using the stories of more than seventy young people from a wide variety of backgrounds who helped shape American history in big and small ways.

We Shall Overcome: The History of the American Civil Rights Movement by R. Finlayson

Uses the words of spirituals and other music of the time to frame a discussion of the civil rights movement in the United States, focusing on specific people, incidents, and court cases.
Dear Mrs. Parks: A Dialogue with Today’s Youth by Gregory Reed

Presents correspondence between Rosa Parks and various children in which the "Mother of the Modern Day Civil Rights Movement" answers questions and encourages young people to reach their highest potential.

Rosa by Nikki Giovanni

Provides the story of the black woman whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Alabama set in motion all the events of the civil rights movements that resulted in the end of the segregated South.

Freedom Rides: A Companion for Equality by Dale Anderson

Explores how the "Freedom Riders" forced the United States government to uphold the constitutional rights of African Americans regarding the integration of interstate bus stations.
Nobody Gonna Turn me Round: Stories and Songs of the Civil Rights Movement by Doreen Rappoport

This final installment in the powerful nonfiction trilogy about the African-American experience introduces readers to the people, armed with the songs and strength passed down from their ancestors, who profoundly impacted the American civil rights movement.

If a Bus Could Talk by Faith Ringgold

A biography of the African American woman and civil rights worker whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus led to a boycott which lasted more than a year in Montgomery, Alabama.

Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott: A Graphic Novel by Connie Colwell Miller and Dan Kalal

Tells the story of the arrest of Rosa Parks for not giving up her bus seat on December 1, 1955, and the boycott it sparked. A biography of Rosa Parks in graphic novel format.
WEBSITES

(Click on the Hyperlink to get to website)

1. Before the Boycott: Riding the Bus (National Civil Rights Museum):  
   Before the Bus

*Before the Boycott: Riding the Bus* is intended to bring to life a small aspect of Jim Crow laws specifically the bus conditions that caused Rosa Parks to make her heroic stand on December 1, 1955. Be a reporter writing for a newspaper to develop the story then see it in print.

2. Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development  
   Rosa Parks Website

Organization created by Rosa Parks to continue her story and legacy and give young people her message... has videos and information about Rosa Parks.

3. The Rosa Parks Bus Project (Henry Ford Museum)  
   The Rosa Parks Bus Project

This website looks at the story, saving, and restoring of the bus in which Rosa Parks refused to move from her seat. It is on display in the Henry Ford Museum.

4. Alabama Department of Archives and History  
   Civil Rights- Riding the Bus  
   See a log of people arrested for resisting the unjust bus rules.  
   Log of Arrests

This website has primary source documents (mug shots, arrest warrants, and other documents) about the bus boycott. Scroll down to Lesson 1 Riding the Bus then scroll down to documents 1-7.
5. The Montgomery Bus Project- The Montgomery Advertiser 1955-1956

Claudette Colvin Profile, Claudette Colvin Biography,
Claudette Colvin Video, Claudette Colvin Newspapers

Claudette Colvin Trial

The Montgomery Advertiser was the newspaper of Montgomery, Alabama during the time of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The website has a timeline, biography, and video about Claudette’s life and trial.

6. (NPR) Before Rosa There was Claudette Colvin

NPR Story-Before Rosa There was Claudette Colvin

(Click on “Listen to the Story”)

You can listen to the story of Claudette Colvin that “Few people know the story of Claudette Colvin: When she was 15, she refused to move to the back of the bus and give up her seat to a white person — nine months before Rosa Parks did the very same thing.”

7. Understanding Courage Project

Project by school- Understanding Courage

Check out a project done by middle school students in which they learned about Claudette Colvin and the heroes of the Civil Rights Movement. They made bus signs that were displayed in a public bus.

8. Eyes on the Prize

The Story of the Movement, Video about the Bus Boycott with MLK

Photos of the Boycott

Eyes on the Prize was a TV Miniseries that featured the events of the Civil Rights movement. This website has newspaper articles, music, and a video of Martin
Luther King talking about the boycott. Select the Montgomery Bus Boycott for more information.

9. Author Phillip Hoose

www.philliphoose.com (Click on Book Jacket, scroll down, click on video clip)

Phillip Hoose E-mail: hoose@gwi.net

Interview with Phillip and Claudette

This is the personal website of author Phillip Hoose. He tells of his experience working with Claudette and winning the National Book Award and other awards for the book.

10. MacMillian Publisher

http://us.macmillan.com/claudettecolvin#video

Macmillian is the publisher of Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice. This website has the awards the book has won plus photos of the event and anything related to the book such as the video of the author and Claudette.

11. Montgomery Alabama Bus Boycott (Wikipedia)

Wikipedia- Montgomery Bus Boycott

Wikipedia- Claudette Colvin

Wikipedia is an online encyclopedia on which people contribute information about topics (Note: Not all material is documented as the truth.) There is an entry for both the Montgomery Bus Boycott and Claudette Colvin.
12. Civil Rights Digital Library

By searching under “Events” then 1955, this website links to documents about the Montgomery Bus Boycott. It has links to primary sources.

13. Civil Rights Timeline (PBS)

Part of the PBS website, the “African American World”, this website shows the timeline for the Civil Rights Movement and a link under 1955 to “Rosa Parks”.

14. IMCPL Civil Rights INFO Guide

These are sources from a pathfinder about “African American History: Civil Rights Movement” from the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library. It has resources including related topics, digital collections, and websites.

15. Songs of the Civil Rights Movement (History Now)

Listen to some songs from the Civil Rights Movement on the “Juke Box.” The Juke Box was an old-fashioned music player where you selected the songs you wanted to hear.
Claudette Colvin Twice Toward Justice (Audiobook)

This Land is Your Land (MP3 Download)

The Rosa Parks Story produced by Xenon (DVD)

Rosa Parks and the Civil Rights Movement (DVD)

King For Kids: School and Family Edition (CD) (also Audiobook)
Internet Videos

(To get to the video, press Control and click on the link)

1. Civil Right Video
   http://www.safeshare.tv/v/_ir28CMKRY

2. Interview with Phillip Hoose and Claudette
   http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZOpqtd8nw

3. Interview with Claudette
   http://www.montgomeryboycott.com/video_00claudettecolivin.htm

4. Music Video about the Bus Boycott
   http://www.safeshare.tv/v/jJ10O5iBWCQ

5. Video of Martin Luther King, Jr. talking about the Bus Boycott
   Video with Martin Luther King, Jr.- Bus Boycott
Databases

(Databases are collections of information from magazines, encyclopedias, and journals. Some of the sources are actually from books so you can use these as book sources. Look at the citation at the end of the article. Accessed through IMCPL)

Biography Resource Center

Enter - “Colvin, Claudette” or “Parks, Rosa” then click on results.
History Resource Center

Enter “Montgomery Bus Boycott” Use the tabs to find references, biographies, news, primary sources, maps, and websites.
Middle Search Plus:

Enter “Colvin, Claudette” to find a magazine article from Jet Magazine
TEACHER RESOURCES

Book Reviews for *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*


Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books v. 62 no. 6 (Feb. 2009).  
The Horn Book v. 85 no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 2009).  
School Library Journal v. 55 no. 2 (Feb. 2009).  
Booklist v. 105 no. 11 (Feb. 1 2009).

Lesson Plan Resources:

1. Scholastic: How I fought for Civil Rights (Rosa Parks)  
2. Kids for King  
   [Montgomery Bus Boycott](http://www.tolerance.org/activities?keys=civil+rights&level%5B%5D=5)  
3. Interactive Digital Mural  
   [Digital Mural Project](http://www.america.gov/media/pdf/books/free-at-last.pdf)  
4. Understanding Courage Project  
5. Free at Last Online Resource (pdf)  
   [http://www.america.gov/media/pdf/books/free-at-last.pdf](http://www.america.gov/media/pdf/books/free-at-last.pdf)  
6. Teaching Tolerance  
   [http://www.tolerance.org/activities?keys=civil+rights&level%5B%5D=5](http://www.tolerance.org/activities?keys=civil+rights&level%5B%5D=5)
**Other activities**

1. Using the “Understanding Courage Project” as an example, design a bus sign advertisement about a famous civil rights hero using quotes and events of the person’s life. Use images from Flikr in your design. (Be aware of copyright.) Post the signs in school buses or public buses.

2. Make a Digital Presentation with several classmates, classes, or schools: Work with other middle school classes using Powerpoint and E-scrapbooking to illustrate different scenes from the Civil Rights Movement, Rosa Parks’ life, or Claudette Colvin’s story. Show all the slides on one Powerpoint or combine together in a display or presentation.

3. Try out your knowledge in a civil Rights Game at the Thinkquest website then design your own game.
   Civil Rights Games
   [http://library.thinkquest.org/J0112391/games.htm](http://library.thinkquest.org/J0112391/games.htm)

4. Use one event from the Montgomery Bus Boycott and make a newspaper article using photos from digital collections of arrest warrants and mug shots of arrest civil rights protesters.
5. Pretend that you are a reporter and need to interview 3 people about the Bus Boycott: Claudette or Rosa, a white bus passenger, and a bus driver. Make an audio record of your interview on Voice Threads and listen to your classmates’ interviews.

6. Reader’s Theater: Use one of the dialogs of Claudette in the book by Phillip Hoose to make a Reader’s Theater with at least 3 characters. Present your document in video form.

7. Debate another issue of civil rights (immigration, the right to vote, etc.) and use the Opposing Viewpoint Databases to search for other topics and find 5 supporting points about your topic.

8. Interview a person who remembers the Jim Crow laws and the civil rights movement. Share your interview on Voice Threads or as an E-scrapbook.
TIPS to get you started

**Keywords:** Use these words to search on the internet or a database. Use the Advance Search to get a narrower topic.

- Claudette Colvin
- Rosa Parks
- Montgomery Bus Boycott
- Freedom Walkers
- Civil Rights Movement
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Segregation
- Montgomery Advertiser
- Discrimination
- Jim Crow Laws
- NAACP

**Call Numbers** Use the Call Number 323.1196 in the library or look in the biographies by the person’s last name (Parks, King...)

**Search Engines** Try to type specific words to narrow the number of results. Be sure to find quality websites that have been updated.

Google.com
YouTube
Google Images
Databases accessed through IMCPL.org
You will need your library card to use these databases from home.
(Your pin number is the last 4 numbers on your library card.)
Go to imcpl.org
Click on ILibrary Online Databases
Click on Student Resources
Select the database such as Biography Resource Center
Type in Search Terms and choose articles to look at.
Choose Full-Text to see the whole article.
Note: Many of the articles on databases are from book sources such as encyclopedias and books about author
Resources:

BOOKS


Turck, Mary Freedom Song: Young Voices and the Struggle for Civil Rights

WEBSITES:


   <http://us.macmillan.com/claudettecolvin#video>.


13."African American World Timeline". PBS. May 26, 2010
   <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/timeline/civil_01.html>.

14."IMCPL Info Guide- Civil Rights". Indianapolis Marion County Public Library.

15."Songs of the Civil Rights Movement". History Now. May 26, 2010

**OTHER:**

Hoose, Phillip. Claudette Colvin Twice Toward Justice Audiobook

This Land is Your Land MP3 Download

The Rosa Parks Story DVD  [Santa Monica, CA] : Xenon Pictures, [2003]

Rosa Parks and the Civil Rights Movement Bristol, CT : Thinkeroo, c2004.

King for Kids CD Hachette Audio (January 2, 2008) **ISBN-10:** 1600240984
This pathfinder would be appropriate for middle school and high school students. The reading level of *Claudette Colvin Twice toward Justice* is 5\textsuperscript{th} grade+ and age 13+. It could be attached and added to the info guide section on the public library’s website for teens. I discovered that the videos were a powerful way to bring the history of the civil rights movement to life for students who use video images so much in their daily use of technology. The experience of 15 year old Claudette Colvin taking a stand on a bus and igniting the civil rights movement could be an example of a young person making a difference. Electronic materials such as websites and databases make the common topic of civil rights come to life. I chose materials related to the book such as author information and the details of Claudette’s life and the effect she had by refusing to give up her seat on the bus. I also broadened my search to parallel with Rosa Parks’ life. The Montgomery Bus Boycott then placed those events in the perspective of their impact on the civil rights movement. Websites were chosen for their pertinence to these 3 aspects. I focused on online videos to portray the direct perspective of a hero of the civil rights in a format that appeals to sensory and digitally skilled learners. This pathfinder would appeal to a wide range of learning styles.

I believe that this pathfinder would help to direct students to specific Civil Rights Movement Resources. The topic is so immense that students would spend a large portion of their research time just looking at general information. The book *Claudette Colvin Twice Toward Justice* in itself is an excellent source for information and inspiration. Teachers can also benefit from the direct lesson plans and resources to narrow the topic. In a public library, I would use this resource for Black History Month, but also as a resource for programs about civil rights, making a difference, and acts of courage.