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On December 1, 1955, she got on a bus to go home. She had had a hard day at work and she was tired. All the seats at the back of the bus for blacks were taken, so she sat down on a seat in the middle of the bus.

There was one white man standing.

The rule was that if one white person sat in the middle seats, all the black people had to go to the back of the bus.

The driver asked Mrs Parks to go to the back but she refused. The driver asked her a second time. Again Mrs Parks said no. The driver called a policeman. When the policeman arrived, he asked Mrs Parks, "Why didn't you stand up?" "I didn't think I should have to," she answered. The policeman said "But the law is the law and you're under arrest."

Mrs Parks was arrested because she had broken the city's segregation laws.

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