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## Britannica Kids MIA Guided Notes

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### INTRODUCTION

- The **Montgomery Bus Boycott** was one of the defining actions so the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.
- The boycott was a mass **protest** against segregation of the Montgomery, Alabama bus system.
- It also brought Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. into the spotlight as one of the most important **leaders** of the movement.

### BACKGROUND

- The public buses of Montgomery were **segregated**.
- **Black** passengers were made to sit in the back of the bus or to stand.
- Black passengers had to give up their **seats** to a white person if there were no other seats available.
- In 1955 a teenage girl named **Claudette Colvin** refused to give up her seat to a white person.
- Nine months later **Rosa Parks** refused to give up her seat to a white man. She was arrested, jailed, and fined.
- Black people of Montgomery then **boycotted** the city's bus system.

### BOYCOTT

- Local civil rights **leaders** thought a boycott would be effective because Black riders made up about **75** percent of bus riders.
- On December 5 some **90** percent of African American residents stayed off the buses.
- A group of local **ministers** formed the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA), which coordinated the boycott.



- Dr. King, the new pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, was elected **president** of the MIA.
- The boycott caused some **white** people to act out against Black citizens.
- Dr. King's house was **bombed**.
- The MIA filed a **lawsuit** against bus segregation.
- On June 5, 1956, a **federal** court declared bus segregation **illegal**.

## AFTERMATH

- The boycott received a great deal of **national** press.
- Dr. King became well known throughout the **country**.
- The success of the boycott inspired other communities in **the South** to protest racial **discrimination**.
- It also showed that direct **nonviolent** resistance was effective.