

## ***Why did the Montgomery Bus Boycott succeed?*** **Guiding Questions**

### **Document B: Letter from Robinson to Mayor**

1. (sourcing) How long before Rosa Parks' arrest was this letter written?
2. (sourcing) What was Robinson's purpose for writing to the mayor?
3. (contextualization) Identify one example of segregation that Robinson and the WPC opposed.
4. (sourcing) Why do you think Robinson reminds the mayor that three-fourths of the bus riders in Montgomery are African American? What is her intention?
5. (corroboration) How does this document either support or expand the textbook version of the Montgomery Bus Boycott?

### **Document C: Bayard Rustin's Diary**

1. (sourcing) How long after the bus boycott began was this document written?
2. (contextualization) How was it possible for African Americans to stay off the buses, but still get to work during the boycott?
3. (contextualization) Who does this document suggest were important to the success of the boycott?

**Document D: Highlander School**

1. (sourcing) What is the author's skin color? Why might that be important?
2. (sourcing) When was this written? How long had the boycott been going on?
3. (contextualization) According to Durr, what did Myles and Zilphia Horton have to do with the Montgomery Bus Boycott?
4. (contextualization) According to this document, is the boycott succeeding? What evidence is there in the text to support your answer?
5. (corroboration) Most textbooks refer to Rosa Parks as a tired seamstress. What image of Rosa Parks does this letter convey?

**Document E: MLK**

1. (sourcing) Who was King's audience? What does that imply about King's intentions in this speech?
2. (contextualization) What does this document suggest are key factors in the success of the boycott?
3. (close reading and contextualization) Find and list four references to religion in this speech. How does King use religion in this speech? What does this suggest about the role of religion in the boycott?

## Why was the Montgomery Bus Boycott Successful?

### Round 1

<i>Document</i>	<i>Reasons suggested by this document</i>	<i>Evidence from document to support these reasons</i>
<i>Textbook</i>		

Claim A: Why was the Montgomery Bus Boycott Successful?

### Round 2

<i>Document</i>	<i>Reasons suggested by this document</i>	<i>Evidence from document to support these reasons</i>
<i>Robinson Letter</i>		
<i>Rustin's Diary</i>		

Claim B: Why was the Montgomery Bus Boycott Successful?

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### Round 3

<i>Document</i>	<i>Reasons suggested by this document</i>	<i>Evidence from document to support these reasons</i>
<i>Highlander School</i>		
<i>MLK Speech</i>		

Final Claim : Why was the Montgomery Bus Boycott Successful?