



# **Second Grade Social Studies**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Social Studies  
Activity 3**

\*There will be a short video lesson of a Knox County teacher to accompany this task available on the KCS YouTube Channel and KCS TV.

**Topic:** Neil Armstrong, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Goal:** To learn the important contributions made by Neil Armstrong, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Standards:** 2.29, 2.31, and 2.32 Examine the significant contributions made by people of the United States: Neil Armstrong, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Included Text for Students to Read:** Passages are from Readworks.org

**Tasks for Students to Complete:**

1. Make a timeline of the important dates from the lives of Neil Armstrong, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther Kings, Jr. Make sure to include the birth and death (if available) dates of each person and other important dates in their lives. You can use a poster board, other paper, or the last page of this packet. Draw a horizontal line across the paper and begin with 1913. Be creative and add pictures to go with the events where possible.
2. Pick one of the three people we learned about to write a narrative about their life. You can even make yourself a character in your narrative and be a part of their life. Remember a narrative can be realistic fiction so include important events from their life and add something new to be creative.
3. Make a collage to compare and contrast Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks. You can print pictures from the internet or draw your own. You can use construction paper, poster board, or other paper you have at home to draw or glue your pictures on.

**Additional Links for More Information:**

- You can register for a free brainpop account at [www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com) Login and type Rosa Parks or Martin Luther King, Jr. into the search bar You can also register for a free brainpopjr. Account at [www.brainpopjr.com](http://www.brainpopjr.com) Login and type Rosa Parks or Martin Luther King, Jr. into the search bar

- Books on youtube.com

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2o0iF7fnsDw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdjpHv1BK-8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcJMEDR-87w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2o0iF7fnsDw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1PFIY8hEck>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwZb2mqId0A>

# Martin Luther King Jr.

by ReadWorks

Martin Luther King Jr. was a leader. When he was young, there were many unfair laws. He worked to make laws fair.

King taught people to treat one another with kindness. He was a very good speaker. He spoke to large groups of people. He told them about his dream. His dream was that all people would be treated fairly. He wanted all kinds of people to live together in peace.

Today we honor Martin Luther King Jr. with a holiday. We celebrate his holiday every January.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of the most important figures in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. There is a national holiday in his honor that is celebrated every January. His famous "I Have a Dream" speech is still talked about today. He is a hero of civil rights in America.

King was a Baptist minister. He had an incredible ability to speak and be heard. He was expressive and powerful with his words. He gained the support of thousands of blacks and whites. He became famous throughout the world.

In 1964, King won the Nobel Peace Prize for his civil rights work. Ironically, his work for peace resulted in violent reactions. On several occasions, people threw rocks at King. Some even went so far as to bomb his family's house in Montgomery, Alabama. But the worst act of violence ended King's life. He was shot and killed at the age of 39.

## **Important Dates for Martin Luther King, Jr:**

Born: January 15, 1929

1954-1968: Leader of the Civil Rights Movement

December 1, 1955-January 1957: Led Montgomery Bus boycott

I Have a Dream Speech: August 28, 1963

Died: (assassinated) April 4, 1968 (shot on the balcony of a hotel in Memphis, TN)

# Meet Rosa Parks

by Susan LaBella

Years ago, places in the United States had laws that kept black people and white people apart. In some cities, laws said that black people could not sit next to white people on buses. Other laws did not allow black people to use the same drinking fountains or restrooms as white people.

One day, an African American woman named Rosa Parks got on a bus. After she sat down, the bus became full. The bus driver told Rosa to give up her seat to a white man. Rosa refused. She believed it was not fair that she

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Meet Rosa Parks

had to give up her seat.

Rosa was arrested after refusing to move. People heard about Rosa's protest against the law. Some people said there should be fairer laws. Soon, more people began demanding that the law be changed.

Slowly, places in the United States began changing their laws. Bus drivers were no longer allowed to make black people give up their seats. New laws said black people must be able to use the same drinking fountains and restrooms as white people.

Rosa Parks spoke out for what she believed in. She was a person of strong character. We remember Rosa today as a hero who worked for fairness and equality.

## **Important dates for Rosa Parks:**

Born: February 4, 1913

Married Raymond Parks in December 18, 1932

Finished high school in 1933

Joined the Montgomery chapter of the NAACP in 1954

Arrested for refusing to give up bus seat: December 1, 1955 (started Montgomery Bus Boycott)

Died: October 24, 2005

# Men Who Walked on the Moon

by Kate Pakão

In 1969, Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin flew in a rocket ship. They landed on the moon. Armstrong and Aldrin became the first people ever to walk there.

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Men Who Walked on the Moon

The two men left footprints on the moon. Their footprints are still there! There is no wind to blow the footprints away. The men left an American flag on the moon, too. They took moon rocks with them. Scientists on Earth have studied the rocks.

Neil Armstrong took the first step on the moon. As he did, he said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." His sentence became famous.

## **Important dates for Neil Armstrong:**

Born: August 5, 1930

1949-1952: he was a naval aviator and served in the Korean War

1962: selected by NASA to be an astronaut

July 20, 1969: Landed and walked on the moon. First man to step on the moon.