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Mentor Text: Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Rosa Parks should be on the cover of your special issue about people who create positive change while living under unfair rules. Rosa Parks should be on the cover because she stood up for what was right and helped change unfair laws. Her actions showed that one person can make a big difference.

One reason Rosa Parks deserves the cover story is that she refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955. At that time, Black people were forced to sit in certain sections of the bus and give up their seats to white passengers. Rosa Parks did not move when she was told to, even though she knew she could get in trouble. Because of her actions, many people joined the Montgomery Bus Boycott, where they stopped riding buses to protest unfair treatment. This shows that Rosa Parks made a difference by standing up to unfair rules in a peaceful way.

Another reason Rosa Parks deserves to be featured is that her choice helped bring attention to the problem of segregation. Her bravery inspired many people, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to work for equal rights. The bus boycott lasted over a year and led to changes in the law. Rosa Parks once said she was tired of being treated unfairly and just wanted to be treated the same as everyone else. This shows that her one decision helped start a movement that changed things for many people.

To summarize, Rosa Parks deserves to be on the cover because she stood up against unfair rules and helped start a movement for equal rights. She proved that even one simple act of courage can make a big difference in the world.

Sincerely,

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