

## **TIRED OF GIVING IN – THE ROSA PARKS STORY**

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

**Choose 2 questions.**

**Write a 100 word essay on one of your chosen questions.**

**Write a 500 word essay on the other chosen question.**

- 1) Dr King believed in quiet resistance and legal protest. But in the end Rosa had to break the law to end the bus segregation. Are there circumstances in which breaking the law is the right thing to do?
  
- 2) Why do you think history doesn't tell us much about the other women involved in the bus protests?
  
- 2) Do you think that they would have succeeded if they had taken on Claudette Colvin instead of Rosa?
  
- 3) Dr King said that whilst you can change the law you cannot always change people's hearts. Do you think people's hearts have changed since Rosa made her stand?
  
- 4) Rosa's story takes place in the USA, at the time of the Jim Crow Laws mandating racial segregation. Europe did not have these laws. Do you think things were better for black people in Europe?