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Story Guide "Dear Mrs. Parks"



What is the genre of this selection? _____ In this selection, you should look for _____ or _____ written to a person and _____ that express personal beliefs.

This selection contains questions written to Rosa Parks by students and her answers to them. A good purpose to read this selection is to understand what advice and information Rosa Parks gives young people.

p. 93 Who has been called the mother of the modern-day civil rights movement? _____ What year was it when she showed courage by insisting on her rights on a bus? _____ What town and state did this happen in? _____

p. 94-95 What is the greatest value of asking questions, according to Mrs. Parks?

What can you tell about what kind of person Mrs. Parks is from her replies on pages 94-95? _____

p. 95 What does Mrs. Parks mean when she tells Richard to "keep an open mind"? _____

How can you tell when Rosa Parks is responding to (answering) a different letter? _____

Do you think Mrs. Parks' answer will help Shata deal with her problem? ____ Explain your answer. _____

p. 97 Mrs. Parks tells students to "Work hard, do not be discouraged, and in everything you do, _____".

p. 97 What does Mrs. Parks mean when she says, "We are all leaders of something in life"? _____

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p. 98-99 How could you tell or guess what these pages are about without reading the text? _____

p. 99-101 What are some things Rosa Parks said that let you know how she felt about her grandmother? _____

p. 99-101 What did Rosa Parks learn from her grandmother? _____

p. 99-101 Why do grandmothers tell you stories from the past? _____

p. 99-101 What can your grandmother's stories do for you, according to Mrs. Parks? _____

p. 99 Why didn't Rosa Parks go to school when she was young? _____
When you read Adrienne's letter on p. 100, were you able to predict Mrs. Parks' reply? _____ Explain your answer.

p. 101 Why does Mrs. Parks believe that listening to stories about the past prepares young people to take their place in the world of tomorrow? _____

p. 103 Why is Mrs. Parks proud to be an American? _____

p. 103 What do you think the word "herstory" means? _____

p. 104 What is one way a person can make a difference in the world, according to Mrs. Parks? _____

Why did the author help Mrs. Parks publish her letters? _____