

CLAUDETTE COLVIN

Lesson Plan

Similar Stories

Lesson Plan for *Claudette Colvin*
Grade 2

Objective

To help students use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the lives of Claudette Colvin and Rosa Parks.

Things Needed

- *Claudette Colvin* book
- Access to the “Claudette Colvin” web page on the Pop! website: <https://popbooksonline.com/amazing-young-people/claurette-colvin>
- Whiteboard
- Pencils and paper
- Similar Stories handout (attached)

Before the Activity

Print a copy of the Similar Stories handout for each student. Then have students read the *Claudette Colvin* book. Open the “Claudette Colvin” page in your internet browser and pull up the “Learn More” tab. Read the caption about Rosa Parks out loud to students.

Activity

Rosa Parks and Claudette Colvin were both involved in the civil rights movement. The book and the caption both give details about their lives and actions. Some parts of their stories are similar. But some parts are different.

Draw a Venn diagram on the whiteboard. Label one circle “Claudette Colvin.” Label the other circle “Rosa Parks.” Write “Both” above the middle part where the two circles overlap. Ask students to copy the diagram onto a sheet of paper. Then give each student a Similar Stories handout. This handout contains 12 sentences. Five of the sentences describe Claudette Colvin. Five describe Rosa Parks. Two are true of both people. Students should use the Venn diagram to sort these sentences into the appropriate categories. If a sentence is true of only one person,



students should write that sentence in the circle under her name. If a sentence is true of both people, students should write it in the space where the circles overlap.

Evaluation

Use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each correct answer.

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 2 (RI 2.3).

Answer Key

Claudette Colvin

- She was riding a bus home from school.
- Her famous action took place on March 2, 1955.
- The driver told her to move so a white woman could sit in her row.
- She later testified at a trial.
- Her role in the civil rights movement was unknown for many years.

Rosa Parks

- She was riding a bus home from work.
- Her famous action took place on December 1, 1955.
- The driver told her to move so a white man could take her seat.
- Her actions helped inspire a boycott.
- She quickly became famous for her actions.

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- She refused to give up her seat.
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