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• Why wanted the writer his wife to leave August out?

Writing Assignment

- What season is dramatic for you. Describe your feelings.
- Imagine each month as a human-being. How do you think August (September, October, January, etc.) might be a man or a woman. Why do you think so?

Luther King was catapulted into international fame when,

working for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, he organized blacks in Montgomery, Alabama, to boycott that city's segregated buses in 1955 and 1956. King, preaching nonviolent resistance to segregation, became the most important leader in the civil rights movement that changed American life so radically over the next decade. Here is a simple, matter-of-fact ton King tells of the incident that sparked the Montgomery bus boycott.

On December 1, 1955, an attractive Negro seamstress, Mrs. Rosa Parks, boarded the Cleveland Avenue Bus in downtown Montgomery. She was returning home after her regular day's work in the Montgomery Fair- a leading department store. Tired from long hours on her feet, Mrs. Parks sat down in the first seat behind the section reserved for whites. Not long after she took her seat, the bus operator ordered her, along with three other Negro passengers, to move back in order to accommodate boarding white passengers.

This meant that if Mrs. Parks followed the driver's command she would have to stand while a white male passenger, who had just boarded the bus, would sit. The other three Negro passengers immediately complied with the driver's request. But Mrs. Parks quietly refused. The result was her arrest.

- **accommodate** - давати притулок, розміщувати; пристосовувати(ся)
- **comply** - виконувати; погоджувати(ся), поступатися

Questions about the reading

- Was Mrs.Parks thinking about the civil rights movement when she refused to move? Why do you think so?
- What does “to be discriminated against” mean?

Writing Assignment

- Have you ever been in such situation which made you angry and you refused to do something you were ordered to. Give an example of such situation and describe it in your story.

time a single entity, always having the same meaning? Hardly, says Robert Grudin. Time, he indicates, can be viewed in sharply contrasting ways, suggesting quite different realities.

Imagine that you spent your whole life at a single house. Each day at the same hour you entered an artificially-lit room, undressed and took up the same position in front of a motion picture camera. It photographed one frame of you per day, every day of your life. On your seventy-second day, the reel of film was shown. You saw yourself growing and aging over seventy-two years in less than half an hour (27.4 minutes at sixteen frames per second). Images of this sort, though terrifying, are