**Civil Disobedience**

Civil disobedience is an active refusal to obey certain laws, demands or commands of a government or of an occupying power without resorting to physical violence.

Rosa Parks refused to release her seat to a white man on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955.  She was arrested.  Following her arrest, a bus boycott by African Americans launched the civil rights movement to a national level.  Rosa described her refusal to give up her seat in the following way:

" For half of my life there were laws and customs in the South that kept African Americans segregated from Caucasians and allowed white people to treat black people without any respect.  I never thought this was fair, and from the time I was a child, I tried to protest against disrespectful treatment.  But is was very hard to do anything about segregation and racism when white people had the power of the law behind them.  Somehow we had to change the laws."

Rosa Parks in 1955

Now, watch and/or listen to  [Yertle The Turtle](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FFfbSWbLWw" \t "_new) by Dr. Seuss.

Cover of Yertle the Turtle

Answer the following questions for this assignment:

* List at least ten parallels between Rosa Parks and the characters in Yertle the Turtle.
* Who demonstrated civil disobedience?  Rosa Parks?  Yertle?  Mack?  Justify your answer fully.