



## Roots

**Directions:** Review the roots and their meanings in the chart. Then, read each sentence. Circle the word in the sentence that contains one of the roots. Underline the context clues in the sentence that help define the word you circled.

ROOT	MEANING
aud	hear
dic/dict	write or say
ject	throw or force
ped/pod	foot
pel	push or drive
port	carry
pos	put or place
scrip/scribe	write
spec/spect	see or look

1. My sister makes a deposit at the bank every time she gets paid.
2. The spectators enjoyed watching the exciting race.
3. Davon looked up the meanings of his vocabulary words in the dictionary.
4. Mr. Gold's art supplies are portable, so he can carry them from one place to another.
5. The umpire ejected the angry coach from the game, so he was not allowed to return.
6. The principal stood on the podium while she spoke to the students.



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## Historical Fiction and Author's Purpose

**Directions:** Refer to the passage "Rosa Refuses" as you complete this page.

1. What historical event is this passage about? Write your answer in a complete sentence.

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2. What historical figure is this passage about? Write your answer in a complete sentence.

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3. What characters are not real in this passage? Write your answer in a complete sentence.

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4. How did this passage help you learn about Rosa Parks and the bus boycott? What did you learn? Write your answer in complete sentences.

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## Content Vocabulary

**Directions:** Read the vocabulary words. Then, find each word in the Glossary and write its definition.

1. seamstress

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2. occupied

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3. refused

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4. boycott

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5. profitable

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6. free

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## Learning Log

**Directions:** Think about today's session. Write about something that was challenging for you. OR Write about what you would like to have more practice with. Write your ideas on the lines below. Make sure you begin each sentence with a capital letter and end each sentence with a punctuation mark.

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1. If I didn't have the sup\_\_\_\_\_ of my family, I would not have been able to carry the heavy load of schoolwork and play rehearsals.
2. We pro\_\_\_\_\_led the boat through the water with the help of very long paddles.
3. According to the safety in\_\_\_\_\_or, everything looked good.
4. My brother's feet could not reach the \_\_\_\_\_als on the bicycle.
5. The judge waited until everyone was in the courtroom to tell them his ver\_\_\_\_\_.
6. The speaker's voice was so quiet that it was not \_\_\_\_\_ible from where we were sitting.

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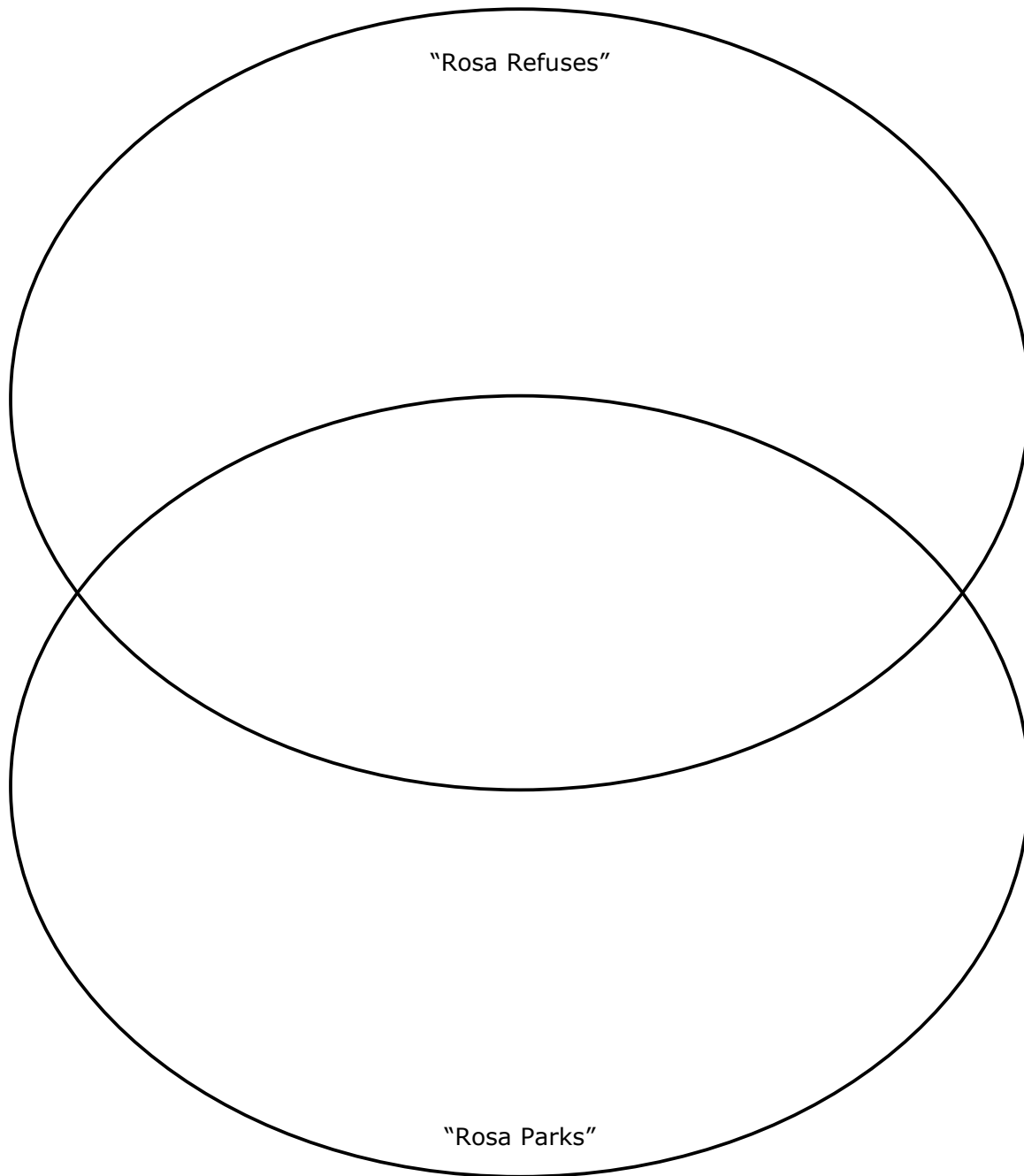
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## Comparing and Contrasting Two Accounts of the Same Event

**Directions:** Refer to the passages “Rosa Refuses” and “Rosa Parks” as you complete this Venn Diagram.







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**Directions:** Review the words and their definitions. Then, answer the questions below.

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profitable	able to make money
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1. If a seat is empty, it is not filled. Which vocabulary word could be used as an antonym for empty? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When you are able to do something, you are allowed to do it. Which vocabulary word could be used as a synonym for able? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When you avoid something, you don't use it. Which vocabulary word could be used as a synonym for avoid? \_\_\_\_\_
4. A tailor is a person who sews or alters clothing for people. Which vocabulary word could be used as a synonym for tailor? \_\_\_\_\_
5. If you agreed to do something, you said yes to doing it. Which vocabulary word could be used as an antonym for agreed? \_\_\_\_\_
6. If something is worthless, it has no value. Which vocabulary word could be used as an antonym for worthless? \_\_\_\_\_



## Learning Log

**Directions:** Think about today's session. How do you feel about your Vocabulary skills? Write your ideas on the lines below. Make sure you begin each sentence with a capital letter and end each sentence with a punctuation mark.

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## Syllabication

**Directions:** Divide the following words into syllables. Then, read each word.

WORD	WORD DIVIDED INTO SYLLABLES
1. compel	
2. inspector	
3. tripod	
4. proposal	
5. manuscript	
6. reporter	
7. audition	
8. trajectory	



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### Compare and Contrast Paragraph: Your Turn to Write

**Directions:** Write a paragraph about similarities and differences in the passages “Rosa Refuses” and “Rosa Parks.” Make sure you begin each sentence with a capital letter and end each sentence with a punctuation mark. Check your spelling when you are finished writing.

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## Content Vocabulary Review

**Directions:** Review the vocabulary words and definitions. Choose a vocabulary word from the chart and write the word on the line below. Next, write a synonym for the word and an antonym for the word. Then, write one sentence for the word's synonym and one sentence for the word's antonym.

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Vocabulary word: \_\_\_\_\_

Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_

Antonym: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Synonym Sentence:

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2. Antonym Sentence:

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