

MAKING A STAND

KEY TERMINOLOGY

1	Segregation				The action of setting someone or something apart from others. "Mr Hughes-Alty segregated the pupils who could not work well together"
2	Teacher in Role				When the teacher adopts a role as part of a whole class roleplay. E.g. A mayor having a town meeting.
3	Hot Seating				An actor sits in the hot-seat and is questioned in role, spontaneously answering questions they may not have considered before. Hot-seating helps an actor become more familiar with a role.
4	Still Image				A frozen picture which communicates meaning. Also called a freeze frame. There is a clear focus upon use of levels, body language and facial expression.
5	Thought Tracking				When a character steps out of a scene to address the audience about how they're feeling. Sharing thoughts in this way provides deeper insight into the character.
6	Transitions				Moving from one still image to another. This can be done in slow motion or with dialogue
7	Choral Speech				When a group of actors speak a line at the same time to create dramatic effect. This can also be called speaking in unison.
8	Echo				A technique used with Choral Speak where words overlap to create an echo effect.
9	Synchronised Movement				Similar to choral speak but moving as one, at the same time.
10	Bias				inclination or prejudice for or against one person or group, especially in a way considered to be unfair. "There was evidence of bias against foreign applicants"
11	Direct Audience Address				When a performer speaks directly to the audience. This is similar to narration but the performer is usually in character.
12	Essence Machine				Using repeated sounds, words, phrases and movements to capture the essence of a situation, character, theme or story.
13	Devising				To create your own performance, usually in response to a stimulus. The actors develop the dialogue through improvisation.
14	Narration				A technique whereby one or more performers speak directly to the audience to tell a story, give information or comment on the action of the scene.
15	Roleplay				Acting, portraying a character, being somebody other than yourself. Playing a role.

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<a href="#">Rosa Tells Her Story</a>	Listen as an actress, in role as Rosa Parks, tells her story. This exciting dramatisation will tell you all you need to know about Rosa's incredible and brave act of defiance.
<a href="#">Rosa Parks - Wikipedia</a>	Lots of factual information about Rosa Parks and the Alabama Bus Boycott.
<a href="#">Martin Luther King</a>	Top Ten facts about this influential civil rights leader from the National Geographic for Kids website.

Rosa Parks and the Alabama Bus Boycott

After a long day at work, Rosa Parks boarded the bus home and took a seat. At that time in Montgomery, seats at the front of buses were reserved for white passengers, and the seats at the back for black passengers.

The bus quickly filled up and when a white man boarded, the driver told the African American passengers to give up their seats for him. Whilst the other black passengers obeyed, Rosa did not. The result? Rosa was arrested by the police and fined for breaking segregation laws! But Rosa refused to pay, and argued that it was the law that was wrong, not her behaviour.

On news of Rosa's arrest, the black citizens of Montgomery came together and agreed to boycott the city's buses in protest. But it wasn't an easy protest for the black citizens. Many of them didn't own cars, and so they had to carpool together or walk long distances to get where they needed to go. What's more, the boycott was received with anger by members of the white population, who responded with aggressive and dangerous acts of violence.

The protest proved super effective, with more black people participating than had been expected. And since African Americans made up around 70% of bus users, the city's transport services made far less money and began to struggle.

After 381 days of boycotting the buses, the Supreme Court ruled that Alabama's racial segregation laws were 'unconstitutional' – meaning they weren't valid and should not be recognised. In light of such a wonderful victory, Rosa became known as "the mother of the civil rights movement".