

***I Am Rosa Parks*, by Rosa Parks – Lexile 520, 48 pages**

This book, categorized as “level 4, fluent reader” by Penguin Young Readers, combines the story of Rosa Parks’s life with color illustrations on every page. While this book has a complex text structure, the readability of this book makes it a perfect match for newly fluent readers. I recommend placing your students who are reading below grade level in this text.

***I Am Rosa Parks* Text Complexity**

QUALITATIVE MEASURES	QUANTITATIVE MEASURES
<p>Levels of Meaning Multiple themes are addressed throughout this book, increasing the complexity of the text. Themes include human rights, freedom, peace, and right vs. wrong.</p> <p>Structure This narrative uses a complex story structure. The story starts with Rosa Parks’s arrest and then flashes back to her young life. The story is told chronologically from chapter 2 forward.</p> <p>Language Conventinality and Clarity The language in this text is literal and clear.</p> <p>Knowledge Demands General background knowledge about the civil rights movement and Martin Luther King Jr. is needed.</p>	<p>The Lexile level for <i>I Am Rosa Parks</i> is 520, based on word frequency and sentence length. This is in the lower range of the complexity band for 2nd–3rd grade according to the Common Core State Standards.</p> <p>READER TASK CONSIDERATIONS</p> <p>These should be determined locally with reference to motivation, knowledge, and experiences as well as to purpose and the complexity of the tasks assigned and the questions posed.</p>

***Rosa Parks*, by Eloise Greenfield – Lexile 600, 43 pages**

This simple chapter book combines the story of Rosa Parks’s life with penciled illustrations throughout the text. The readability and length of this book make it a perfect match for fluent readers. This book is written in the third person and uses a complex story structure. I recommend placing your students who are reading on grade level in this text.

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***Rosa Parks (A True Book)*, by Christine Taylor-Butler – Lexile 810, 48 pages**

The True Book series is a wonderful nonfiction series for young readers. The photographs and captions found on every page will captivate students. This book is written in the third person and has a complex structure, with informational nonfiction text woven into the narrative biography. I recommend placing students who are reading above grade level in this text.

Rosa Parks (A True Book) Text Complexity

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<p>Levels of Meaning Multiple themes are addressed throughout this book, increasing the complexity of the text. Themes include human rights, freedom, peace, and right vs. wrong.</p> <p>Structure This narrative uses a complex story structure in which informational nonfiction text is woven into the narrative biography.</p> <p>Language Conventinality and Clarity The language in this text is literal and clear.</p> <p>Knowledge Demands General background knowledge about the civil rights movement and Martin Luther King Jr. is needed.</p>	<p>The Lexile level for <i>Rosa Parks (A True Book)</i> is 810, based on word frequency and sentence length. This is in the middle range of the complexity band for 4th–5th grade according to the Common Core State Standards.</p> <p>READER TASK CONSIDERATIONS</p> <p>These should be determined locally with reference to motivation, knowledge, and experiences as well as to purpose and the complexity of the tasks assigned and the questions posed.</p>