Three Leaders with Courage

Rosa Parks

Rosa stood up for all people. Years ago black people could not do the same things as white people. One day Rosa got on a city bus. She sat in a seat behind the rows for white people only. Soon too many people were on the bus. The bus driver told Rosa to move. Rosa would not move. Rosa knew she was the same as everyone else. Rosa went to jail. Later the courts said this was not fair. Black people should be able to sit up front too.

Martin Luther King, Junior

Martin was a great leader. Martin spoke to many people. He told them black people should be treated the same as white people. Martin was not happy Rosa went to jail. He asked people to complain in a peaceful way and not ride the bus. They stopped riding the busses. Then the bus company lost money. Martin gave a famous speech called, “I Have a Dream.” He wanted blacks to have the same rights as whites.

Cesar Chavez

Cesar wanted farm workers to have better lives. His family worked on a farm. They were very poor. The farm owners did not give them enough pay. It was dangerous to work on the farms. Cesar tried to get more money for the workers. He also wanted a safer place to work. At one time workers were not treated well at grape farms. Cesar asked people to complain in a peaceful way and to not buy grapes. People did not buy grapes until the workers were safe.
Courageous Leaders Organizer

Name____________________________________

Directions: Choose one leader to describe

Name of Leader:

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What I like about him or her:

Draw a picture of the leader.
What Happened?  
Name_________________________

Pick one courageous leader and tell his or her story in your own words.

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On the back of your paper, draw a picture that shows this story.
Leadership Writing

Explain what you think it means to be a leader. Introduce your topic and give 3 characteristics or traits you think a leader should have. Give an example of leadership from one of the leaders you learned about (Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., or Cesar Chavez). Write a concluding or ending sentence.

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