

Exercise 5

Key Questions: How does our view of the black freedom movement shift when we consider why Parks called the North the “promised land that wasn’t”?

Examine the section called [“The Northern Promised Land that Wasn’t”](#).

Discussion Questions:

- What kinds of racism and injustice to Parks encounter when she moved to Detroit?
- Did police act justly during the Detroit Uprising of 1967?
 - Why did Rosa Parks think the Uprising took place?
 - How are the uprisings (or “riots”) of the 1960s generally remembered, if at all?
- How did Rosa Parks and other black freedom fighters challenge unjust police practices in Detroit?
 - Why did they establish a People’s Tribunal in response to the Algiers Motel killings?
- What was Rosa Parks’s relationship to the Black Power movement?
- How did Rosa Parks and other black activists fight to free political prisoners and why?

Sources

- [Coverage of the march against police brutality in the wake of Scott's murder](#)
- [“Acquit Detroit cop in killing of Negro youth in '67 riots” article in *Chicago Tribune*, 11 June 1969](#)
- [LeRoy Henderson talks about photographing Rosa Parks at a political convention](#)
- [Black Community Notice on the creation of the Black United Front](#)
- [Hurricane Carter’s support for the Gary Tyler campaign, October 18 1976 \(page 8\)](#)
- [October 25 1976 issue of *Worker’s Power* article on a recent demo of the Detroit Committee to Free Gary Tyler](#)