

## Vocabulary List

### *Rosa Parks: A Life by Dr. Douglas Brinkley*

1. p. 234: correspondence (noun) - communication, writings by hand or digitally
2. p. 234: octogenarian (noun) - a person who is in his or her 80s
3. p. 234: stalwarts (noun) – people who are important to an organization; contributors
4. p. 234: invaluable (adj.) - of great value that cannot be quantified
5. p. 235: obscurity (noun) – state of not being known widely
6. p. 235: anecdotes (noun) – personal stories or experiences that are told to others
7. p. 235: irrelevant (adj.) - not relevant or germane to a topic being studied
8. p. 235: astonished (verb) – surprised, amazed
9. p. 236: contextual (adj) – related to context, the nature within which something occurs
10. p. 236: venerable (adj.) - noted by having the respect (veneration in a sacred context) of others
11. p. 236: monographs (noun) – writings that focus on one topic
12. p. 237: contextualize (verb) – verb form of #9 above; put into context
13. p. 237: indispensable (adj.) - necessary, so important one could not do without it
14. p. 238: mainstay (noun) – central focus
15. p. 239: explicating (verb) – explaining
16. p. 240: reminiscences (noun) – recollections, memories of something or someone
17. p. 241: comprehensively (adverb) – in a complete or comprehensive manner
18. p. 242: monumental (adj.) - large in scope and/or size
19. p. 245: astute (adj.) - wise, intelligent, clever
20. p. 1: thoroughfare: (noun) - street, road
21. p. 2: bespectacled: (adj.) - noted by wearing eyeglasses, spectacles
22. p. 3: mundane: (adj.) - common, everyday, basic
23. p. 4: totalitarianism: (noun) – a form of governance characterized by the practice and belief in the total domination of a ruling class over its citizens
24. p. 4: defiantly: (adverb) – with defiance, not following norms, rules, or laws
25. p. 5: unimpeachable: (adj.) - characterized by not being able to find fault
26. p. 5: emblematic: (adj.) - characterized by a set of conditions or traits that define a person, place or thing
27. p. 6: reviled: (verb) – hated, despised
28. p. 7: maxim: (noun) – a statement of mission
29. p. 9: concocted: (verb) – created, made up, in this context - falsified
30. p. 9: relinquish: (verb) – give up, give away something
31. p. 11: edifice: (noun) – big building
32. p. 12: exaltations: (noun) – praises
33. p. 12: relegated: (verb) – put into an inferior or unimportant position
34. p. 12: allegories: (noun) – stories using symbols to tell the human experience or other idea
35. p. 13: abolitionist: (noun) – someone who believed in abolition, the end of slavery
36. p. 14: disposition: (noun) – a person's overall attitude, thoughts, character, or behavior

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37. p. 16: betterment: (noun) – a condition of seeking to improve or become better
38. p. 16: pragmatic: (adj.) - practical, having common sense
39. p. 17: harrowing: (adj.) - awful, frightful
40. p. 19: melancholy: (noun) – sadness, state of being sad, depressed
41. p. 19: prosperity: (noun) – sufficient wealth to thrive
42. p. 19: diversification: (noun) – the practice of being diverse or branching out to embrace different aspects or entities to attain a goal
43. p. 20: infestation: (noun) – an onslaught of insects, or other harmful animals
44. p. 20: malnutrition: (noun) – the condition of being malnourished, not fed properly; poor nutrition
45. p. 20: itinerant: (adj.) - not permanent, moving from place to place
46. p. 21: incendiary: (adj.) - fiery, volatile
47. p. 22: belligerent: (adj.) - rebellious, not cooperative, bellicose, prone to fighting and arguing
48. p. 23: misinterpretation: (noun) – incorrect or wrong interpretation or evaluation of something
49. p. 23: emboldened: (verb) – encouraged, inspired
50. p. 25: institutionalized: (adj.) - characterized by being part of an institution, a culture
51. p. 26: unencumbered: (adj) – not restrained, not held back
52. p. 26: inferiority: (noun) – state of feeling inferior, not as good as another
53. p. 28: intellectual: (adj.) - having qualities of the intellect, cognition, smart
54. p. 30: revamped: (verb) – rebuilt, remodeled, renovated
55. p. 31: sinister: (adj.) - evil
56. p. 31: conveyances: (noun) – vehicles to transport people or documents to convey
57. p. 32: solidarity: (noun) – unity, people coming together to speak with the same voice, usually about an important social issue
58. p. 32: capitulated: (verb) – gave in, surrendered
59. p. 32: segregation: (noun) – the practice of segregating (separating) people based on a trait, such as race, or another condition
60. p. 32: imbued: (verb) – taught, filled
61. p. 33: prerequisite: (noun) – a condition that must be met to proceed to the next step
62. p. 33: discrimination: (noun) – the practice of discriminating, preventing someone from doing something merely based on a trait, such as race, over which the person has no control
63. p. 33: espoused: (verb) – promoted, talked about, supported
64. p. 33: undermine: (verb) – to put up a barrier to prevent progress
65. p. 33: nonconfrontational: (adj.) - without a confrontation or challenge; peaceful (syn.)
66. p. 34: ratification: (noun) – approval, adoption after a formal process, usually a vote
67. p. 35: quintessence: (noun) – symbol, embodiment, icon
68. p. 35: temperance: (noun) – the practice of not drinking (abstaining) from alcohol

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69. p. 35: teetotaler: (noun) – a person who does not drink alcohol
70. p. 36: hostility: (noun) – anger, behavior that is hostile; animosity
71. p. 37: ramshackle: (adj.) - in disrepair, poor condition, dilapidated
72. p. 37: forlornly: (adverb) – with sadness, forlorn
73. p. 39: epitomized: (verb) – represented a perfect example of something
74. p. 43: humiliation: (noun) – a public teasing or taunting to make someone look inferior
75. p. 44: vestibule: (noun) – a room someone enters before entering another, larger room
76. p. 45: supremacists: (noun) – people who feel they are better or supreme to others for no reason other than traits that a person cannot control, such as race
77. p. 45: sabotaging: (verb) – to act in a way that renders another action ineffective or unable to go on; undermining (syn.)
78. p. 45: intimidation: (noun) – behavior that intimidates or scares someone not to act as desired
79. p. 45: tacitly: (adverb) – not easily known or observed; silently
80. p. 45: coercion: (noun) – forceful action, usually with threats to accomplish what is wanted
81. p. 46: disfranchise: (verb) – to prevent someone from exercising their constitutional rights
82. p. 47: rankled: (verb) – angered, upset
83. p. 47: kowtow: (verb) – to submit, surrender
84. p. 49: articulating: (verb) – explaining, talking, speaking
85. p. 49: resonance: (noun) – meaning
86. p. 50: anecdote: (noun) – personal story
87. p. 51: bristling: (adj.) - offensive, direct in approach without care not to offend someone
88. p. 53: temerity: (noun) – audacity, boldness
89. p. 55: heresies: (noun) – statements and/or beliefs against norms of society or a religion
90. p. 55: surmounting (verb) – overcoming, defeating
91. p. 56: unflappable: (adj.) - steadfast, not prone to panic, calm
92. p. 57: arbitrary: (adj.) - not fixed to certain rules; random, changeable
93. p. 57: apartheid: (noun) – the practice of discrimination and segregation based on race
94. p. 57: inconsistency: (noun) – state of not being consistent as in not applying rules in the same way for everyone
95. p. 58: malignity: (noun) – hatred, evil
96. p. 59: metaphorically: (adverb) – with qualities of a metaphor, a figure of speech that has a second meaning that must be interpreted
97. p. 63: seething: (verb) – having deep anger, resentment
98. p. 66: accommodations: (noun) – housing, lodging, places to stay
99. p. 66: unenthusiastic: (adj.) - not enthusiastic, not positive or excited about something
100. p. 67: sporadic: (adj.) - every now and then, not at regular periods of time
101. p. 68: chauvinistic: (adj.) - related to chauvinism, actions or attitudes of superiority over the opposite gender

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102. p. 68: camaraderie: (noun) – friendship, fellowship
103. p. 69: boosterism: (noun) – advocacy, support
104. p. 70: egregious: (adj.) - outlandish, overtly offensive
105. p. 74: pandemonium: (noun) – mass confusion, tumult
106. p. 74: vindicated: (verb) – to prove someone not guilty or something not true
107. p. 76: implementation: (noun) – enactment, procedures to put something into service or action
108. p. 77: virulently: (adverb) – with virulence, ability to cause harm
109. p. 77: resplendent: (adj.) - beautiful
110. p. 78: dormant: (adj.) - not active, sleepy
111. p. 79: introspective: (adj.) – related to introspection, looking inward, keeping to oneself
112. p. 80: engrossed: (verb) – absorbed to a point that other aspects of life are not noticed
113. p. 81: infringement: (noun) – ction that infringes, crosses lines, goes beyond norms/laws
114. p. 83: retribution: (noun) – an action targeted to punish another action
115. p. 84: escalate: (verb) – to increase in strength or severity
116. p. 85: epitome: (noun) – the best example of something
117. p. 86: deferential: (adj.) - respectful, especially to authority figures
118. p. 86: entreaties: (noun) – wishes, suggestions, declarations, desires that are spoken
119. p. 86: stereotype: (noun) – group of characteristics that define a type of person
120. p. 87: incensed: (adj) – angry, very upset, mad,
121. p. 91: abysmal: (adj.) - terrible
122. p. 91: succinctly: (adverb) – clearly, coherently
123. p. 94: apprehensive: (adj.) - nervous, not sure
124. p. 98: adherents: (noun) – people who support a policy or action
125. p. 98: embryonic: (adj.) - formative, developing, young, not mature
126. p. 100: eloquence: (noun) – a characteristic marked by the ability to speak with great clarity and emotion that often inspires listeners
127. p. 100: prestigious: (adj.) - noted by having prestige, importance and influence that is known and documented
128. p. 100: cadences: (noun) – rhythm of words, phrases, sentences
129. p. 101: scathingly: (adverb) – viciously, with contempt
130. p. 103: proximity: (noun) – distance, nearness to a location
131. p. 103: strident: (adj.) - loud, forceful
132. p. 105: persuasion: (noun) – the art of being able to convince someone of one's point of view or to do something
133. p. 106: absentmindedly: (adverb) – not being mindful, accidentally
134. p. 106: forebears: (noun) – people who came before
135. p. 108: volatile: (adj.) - explosive, tense

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136. p. 109: premeditated: (verb) – planned, plotted
137. p. 111: permeated: (verb) – flowed through, extended throughout
138. p. 111: musty: (adj.) - noted by smelling like mold and mildew; dank
139. p. 111: indifferent: (adj.) - not concerned, calm
140. p. 111: incarcerated: (verb) – placed in jail, prison
141. p. 112: litany: (noun) – list
142. p. 112: woes: (noun) – problems
143. p. 114: tranquil: (adj.) – calm, steady, not in panic
144. p. 114: consternation: (noun) – state of not knowing, and being nervous, about what is to come
145. p. 114: reluctance: (noun) – hesitation to do something
146. p. 116: composure: (noun) – calmness, disposition that is calm
147. p. 116: ordinance: (noun) – rule, regulation, law
148. p. 116: jubilation: (noun) – joy, happiness, celebration
149. p. 117: protracted: (adj.) - prolonged, noted by being carried out over a long period of time
150. p. 117: principles: (noun) – basic tenets (foundation or building blocks) of a policy or belief
151. p. 118: transformative: (adj.) - noted by being able to transform, change, learn, or evolve in a significant manner
152. p. 118: continually: (adverb) – over and over again without stopping
153. p. 119: scrawled: (verb) – scribbled, written quickly
154. p. 120: agitation: (noun) – tension, state of being agitated or upset
155. p. 121: precisely: (adverb) – with precision, exactly
156. p. 121: jangle: (noun) – ring as in the ring of a telephone
157. p. 122: confrontation: (noun) – meeting between two or more people to address a disagreement
158. p. 122: mimeograph machine: (noun) – old version of a copy machine, copier
159. p. 123: exhortation: (noun) – a call to action
160. p. 123: frenzied: (adj.) - hectic, fast-paced, frenetic
161. p. 124: chronology: (noun) – sequence of events, timeline
162. p. 125: maneuvers: (noun) – actions based on a defined strategy
163. p. 126: authentic: (adj.) - real, sincere, proven, genuine
164. p. 127: harbored: (verb) – held
165. p. 127: humility: (noun) – state of being humble, not boastful
166. p. 127: cohorts: (noun) – peers
167. p. 130: cumbersome: (adj.) - bulky, difficult to carry
168. p. 133: comported: (verb) – agreed with, followed
169. p. 133: validity: (noun) – the state of something being valid, accurate, able to be proven
170. p. 134: status quo: (noun) – the current state of things, norms
171. p. 137: haphazardly: (adverb) – not in an order that can be determined; randomly

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172. p. 138: impromptu: (adj.) - not planned, sudden
173. p. 138: lauding: (verb) – praising, approving
174. p. 138: impeccable: (adj.) - without fault, perfect, neat
175. p. 139: reminiscent: (adj.) – similar to something else
176. p. 139: ecstatic: (adj.) - enthusiastic, joyful
177. p. 140: aspirations: (noun) – dreams, goals to achieve
178. p. 141: indignities: (noun) – humiliations, harmful actions against someone
179. p. 142: revisionist: (adj.) - noted by being revised, changed from original facts
180. p. 144: legitimacy: (noun) – the state or degree of being legitimate (lawful, legal)
181. p. 144: archsegregationist: (noun) – a person who deeply holds to a belief in segregation
182. p. 144: brinkmanship: (noun) – actions that are put on largely for show to make a point
183. p. 144: pro bono: (adj.) – free of charge
184. p. 145: severance pay: (noun) – payment to someone who is ending employment at a job
185. p. 147: ingenious: (adj.) - clever, innovative, smart
186. p. 150: vortex: (noun) – center, focus
187. p. 151: parsonage: (noun) – minister's house
188. p. 152: substantial: (adj.) - more than enough to satisfy what is needed
189. p. 152: intransigence: (noun) – refusal to change one's views or actions
190. p. 153: penitentiary: (noun) – prison, jail
191. p. 155: instinctively: (adverb) – with instinct, a feeling of how to act or evaluate a situation
192. p. 155: pitfall: (noun) – a negative consequence
193. p. 156: tenderhearted: (adj.) - kind, generous, loving
194. p. 158: eradication: (noun) – elimination, defeat, end to something
195. p. 158: fastidiously: (adverb) – with great attention to every detail
196. p. 158: scrupulously: (adverb) – with great honesty and integrity
197. p. 159: flamboyant: (adj.) - outgoing with unusual flare and showmanship
198. p. 163: syndicated: (verb) - distributed widely through subscriptions, fees
199. p. 163: insomnia: (noun) – inability to sleep
200. p. 164: bastion: (noun) – a place with deeply held traditions and ways of doing things; fortress
201. p. 164: arrogantly: (adverb) – with arrogance, offensive behavior showing superiority
202. p. 165: propagate: (verb) – continue, promote
203. p. 165: itinerary: (noun) – schedule of events, travel plans
204. p. 167: negligence: (noun) – neglect to the level that could be a criminal offense
205. p. 168: destination: (noun) – intended place or location after travel
206. p. 170: awkwardness: (noun) – the state of being awkward, uncomfortable
207. p. 172: discretion: (noun) – the ability to decide something
208. p. 172: nascent: (adj.) - young, new, developing