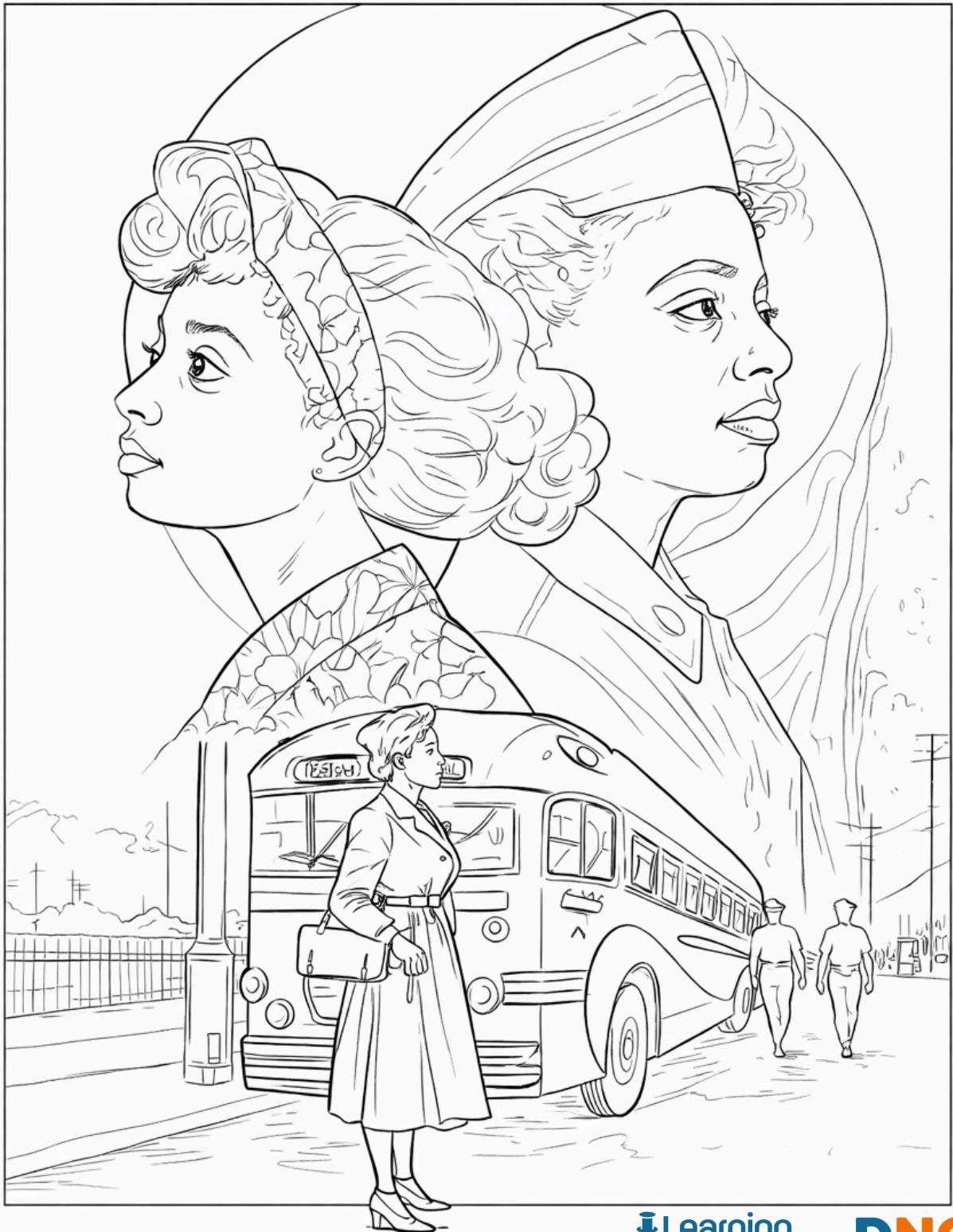


Sarah Keys Evans

In 1952, three years before Rosa Parks made history, a young African-American Army private named Sarah Keys Evans refused to give up her seat on a bus in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Her courageous stand led to a landmark 1955 Interstate Commerce Commission ruling that helped dismantle segregation in interstate bus travel.

Through the book *Sarah Keys Evans: The Power of Quiet Courage* by Amy Nathan and Sarah Keys Evans, students will explore how one woman's persistence and bravery changed history. The accompanying lesson plan, linked below, invites educators to guide students in analyzing primary sources, understanding historical context, and connecting Sarah's story to the broader civil rights movement.



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