

8.4 Reading

True/False
I can understand a text about the American Civil Rights Movement

1 Which names in the box complete the captions correctly? Check the meaning of the underlined words in a dictionary.

Abraham Lincoln Barack Obama
Africans The Civil Rights Movement
Martin Luther King Billie Holiday

3 Read the text about the American Civil Rights Movement and explain the importance of these dates.

[1865 1870 1955 1963 1964 1968]

2 Listen to the beginning of Robert's class presentation about Martin Luther King and check your answers to Exercise 1. Then answer the questions.
1 How long did slavery exist in North America?
2 Who led the Civil Rights Movement?
3 Why was the election of Barack Obama so significant?

READING FOCUS True/False

4 Read the text again. Are statements 1-6 true or false?

- 1 African Americans started fighting for their rights in 1955.
- 2 Black American men were allowed to vote for the first time a few years after slavery ended.
- 3 In the 1950s it was impossible for black and white people to sit together in a restaurant.
- 4 Linda Brown couldn't go to her neighbourhood school because she wasn't white.
- 5 Rosa Parks was arrested for sitting next to a white man on a bus.
- 6 Martin Luther King made over 3,000 speeches in the thirteen-year period before his death.

5 Make compound nouns from the text by matching 1-6 with a-f. Then, in your notebook, copy an example sentence for each one from the text or write your own.

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| 1 African | a transport |
| 2 Civil | b trade |
| 3 human | c Rights |
| 4 public | d race |
| 5 slave | e Court |
| 6 Supreme | f American |

6 Do you think Martin Luther King's 'dream' is now a reality? Discuss in pairs.
African Americans became citizens of the USA after the end of slavery.

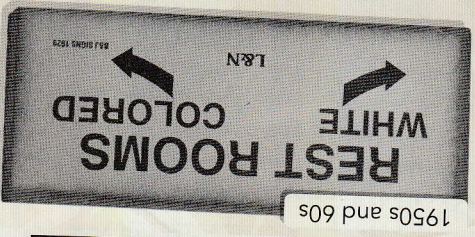
7 Copy and complete WORD STORE 8F with the appropriate nouns and verbs. Mark the stress. Then listen, check and repeat.

WORD STORE 8F



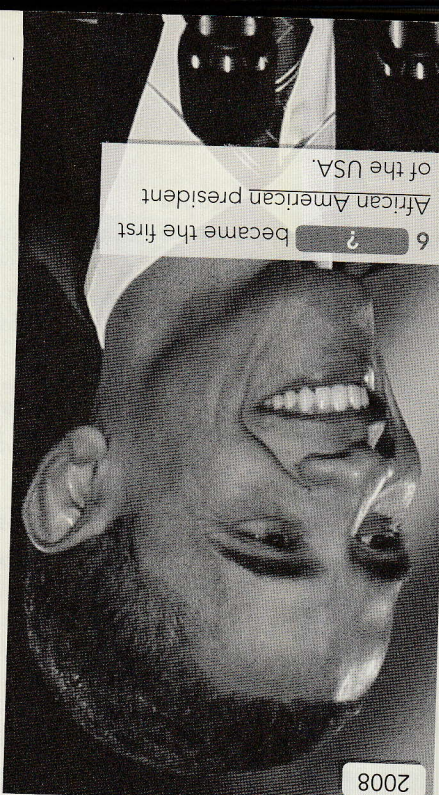
1865

2 ? ordered an end to slavery.



1950s and 60s

4 ? fought against segregation.



2008

6 ? became the first African American president of the USA.

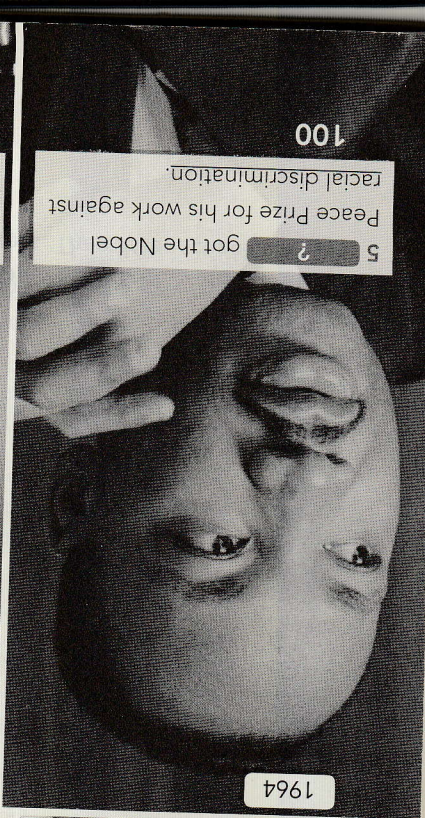


1 ? were sold as slaves in North America.

1920s, 30s and 40s



3 ? and other famous black singers sang about racism.



1964

5 ? got the Nobel Peace Prize for his work against racial discrimination.

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