

1. Read the speech on pp. 211-212 and the texts about the slaves' personal experiences on p. 212.
2. Analyse Frederick Douglass' speech (tasks 3, 4 and especially 6 might be helpful).
3. Choose one of the memoirs the former slaves have written (it would be best if you could find a partner who works on the other one) and then work on number 5 on page 213 (notes!).
4. Point out in how far slavery contradicts the American Dream and prove it with the help of the text you have already dealt with.
5. As you have surely found out, after slavery had been abolished blacks were still discriminated in the USA – they suffered from segregation and were also persecuted by the Ku Klux Klan and its members. Thus, the Civil Rights Movement was started. One of its most prominent figures was Martin Luther King. Watch the video about his March on Washington: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I47Y6VHc3Ms>.
6. Write down your first reactions to the video and his speech.
7. Read the speech.
8. Work on the following task: Examine which historic events King refers to in his speech. Why does he mention them? Also focus on the place where he delivered his speech.