

RACISM ISN'T BORN,
IT'S TAUGHT!

Racism and slavery in the US

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1. Vocabulary for this lesson

to persecute	to enslave	to force someone to do something
cotton	equality	human rights
respect	to tolerate	a ghetto
a hood	terrorism	propaganda

How do you say these words in your language?

Test your partner on the words

e.g. can you give me an example of a sentence with the word 'tolerate' in it?

e.g. have you ever 'worn anything made from cotton'?

2. Warm-up questions

What do you know about American history?

Who lived there before Columbus arrived?

Do you know the names of any Democrats or Republicans?

Who is the current President?

Who was the previous President?

Why is the US South different from the US North?

How did black people get to the US?

What products is the US famed for producing?

What happened in the 1960s in the US?

3. Vocabulary (1)

Match the definition with the word

election

power

state

constitution

refusal

1. one of the constituent units of a nation having a federal government
2. the basic principles and laws of a nation
3. the selection of a person or persons for office by vote.
4. the act of denying
5. political control or influence

4. Vocabulary (2)

Complete the table with the word forms

noun	Verb	adjective	adverb
equality equal	_____	equal equalising	_____
race _____ racist	racialize	racialized racializing racist	
_____ refuser	refuse	refusable	
terror terrorism terrorist terrorization	_____	terrorized terrorizing	

Use the words to complete the sentences.

- I _____ to be _____ by any terrorist.
- The idea that everyone is _____ is not something you hear from the mouth of a _____.

5. Vocabulary (3)

Collocations and synonyms – which are correct?

racist – which collocations are correct

policy

slogan

sea

poster

slavery - which collocations are correct

to make

to reject

to abolish

to trick

a ghetto - which verbs form correct collocations

to lock down

to lock out

to take over

to take out

equal - which synonyms are correct

similar

identical

the same

minimal

6. Picture task

Match the picture with the decade

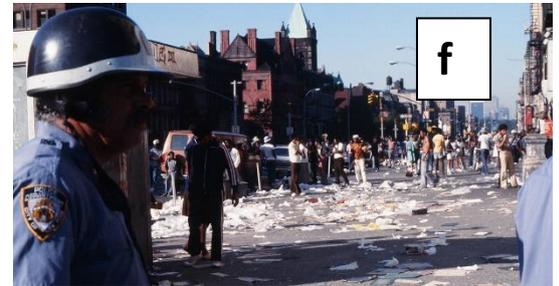
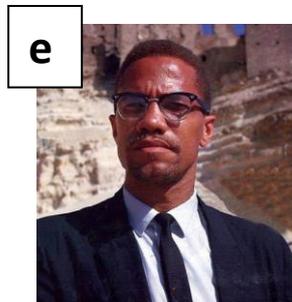
1940s

1950s (x2)

1960s

1970s

1980s



What do the pictures show about the changes in the US after the second world war?

In your opinion, which pictures show positive images?

Do you know any of the people, groups, places or events in the pictures?

How was life in your country during the years shown in the photographs?

Do you see any connections between the photographs and what you hear about events in the US now?

7. Film (1)

Task 1

Do you know the answers to the questions? Work in groups of three and see if you can answer the questions.

- What did racism justify?
- Where did the rich people live?
- What was the importance of cotton?
- Was there much slavery in the northern states?
- How did insurance companies make money from slaves?

Watch the film, listen to the speaker.

Try to find the answers to the questions.

Task 2

In the same groups of three, check your answers.

What did you find interesting in the film?

What did you already know?

What didn't you know?

8. Film (2)

Task 1

Do you know the answers to the questions? Work in groups of three and see if you can answer the questions.

- What were 'sundown towns'?
- How did ghettos develop?
- When did the unions start to succeed?
- What changed for the Democratic party?
- How many years were democrats in power for?
- What did the New Deal provide?

Watch the film, listen to the speaker.

Try to find the answers to the questions.

Task 2

In the same groups of three, check your answers.

What did you find interesting in the film?

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9. Who said what quiz

1. "He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love."
Martin Luther King Barack Obama Franklin D Roosevelt
2. "If you're not nervous then you're not paying attention."
James Brown Miles Davis Chuck D
3. "Concerning nonviolence, it is criminal to teach a man not to defend himself when he is the constant victim of brutal attacks."
George Bush Mahatma Gandhi Malcolm X
4. "Laws should be made to serve the people. People should not be made to serve the laws."
George Washington Huey Newton Michelle Obama
5. "When times get tough, we don't give up. We get up."
Martin Luther King Barack Obama Franklin D Roosevelt
6. "At the end of the day, we must go forward with hope and not backward by fear and division."
Jesse Jackson Hilary Clinton Colin Powell

10. Lesson round up - Discussion

1. What is racism?
2. Why does racism exist?
3. Do you think someone can be born racist?
4. Who uses racism as a weapon nowadays?
5. For what purposes?
6. In what way does racism exist in your country / the EU?
7. Who is trying to do something about it?
8. What should the punishment for racism be?
9. How important is education?
10. What is the role of social media in racism?
11. Do you dream of a society where all races are treated equally and with respect?
12. Is it such an impossibility if you can dream it?

11. Lesson round up - Review vocabulary

1. Make a list of five words from the lesson.
2. Test your partner on the words.
3. Choose two key words from the lesson
4. Which one point will you take away from the lesson?

Answers

1.

prześladować	zniewolić	zmusić kogoś do zrobienia czegoś
bawełna	równość	prawa człowieka
szacunek	tolerować	getto
kaptur	terroryzm	propaganda

3.

election 1	power 5	state 1	constitution 2	refusal 4
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5.

racist – policy slogan poster

slavery – to reject to abolish

a ghetto - to lock down to take over

equal - identical the same

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1940s a

1950s (x2) b, d

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9.

1. Martin Luther King

2. Miles Davis

3. Malcolm X

4. Huey Newton

5. Barack Obama

6. Jesse Jackson