

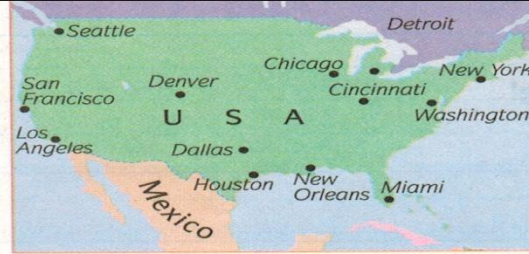
The History of the USA



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1.1 What do you know?

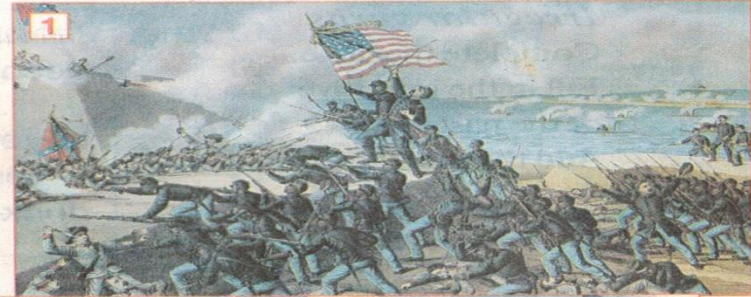
- What do you know about the history of the USA?
- What famous people in history were from the USA?
- What famous events do you know in American history?
- How old is the USA?
- What people lived there before it became the USA?
- Tell the class your ideas.



Brainstorming;
reading
You lucky thing
Of great
Of no
Of bad luck
That's terrible

1.2 Some important events in American history

- Work in pairs. Look at the pictures from American history.
- Can you match them with the descriptions?



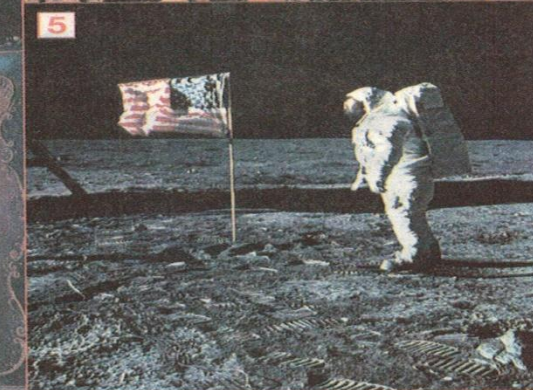
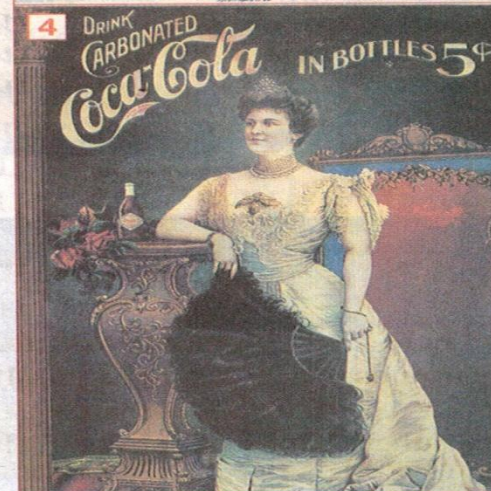
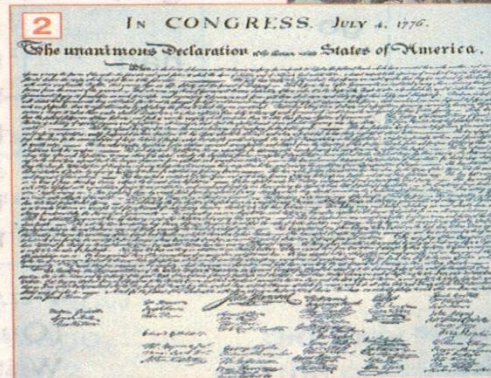
Before 1620 Before the English and other Europeans arrived in America, there were already millions of Native Americans there.

1620 These are the first people from England who arrived in America. They left England because of religious problems.

1773 At the 'Boston Tea Party' Americans threw tea into the sea because they did not want to pay tax to the British government.

1776 After a war with Britain, America became an independent country. Americans wrote the Declaration of Independence and designed a new flag – the Stars and Stripes.

1861-65 For four years there was a civil war in the USA between the northern and the southern states. The war was about the slaves who worked on the cotton and sugar farms. The south lost the war, and the government stopped slavery.



1876 The Native American tribes lived in America before Europeans arrived. There were many battles between the European settlers and the Native Americans. The Sioux won the Battle of Little Big Horn and kept their land.

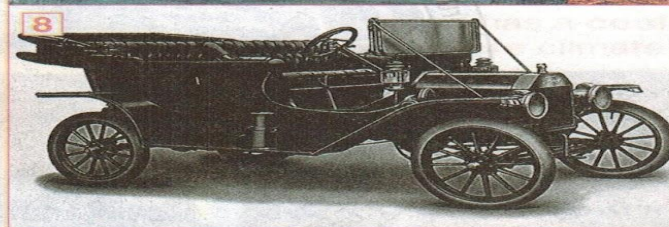
1886 Dr Pemberton made one of the most famous drinks in the world 'to help the brain'.


1909 An American, Henry Ford, produced the first car: the Model T Ford.

1963 Martin Luther King, the leader of the black Civil Rights movement in the USA, gave his famous speech, 'I have a dream ...'. He wanted black people and white people to be equal at school and at work in the USA.


1965-75 America fought in Vietnam for ten years to help South Vietnam against North Vietnam. South Vietnam and the Americans lost the war.

1969 The first people on the moon were three American astronauts: Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Ed Collins.



 You can hear the texts on the cassette.

2 What is it?

 Listen. You can hear some sounds from American history. What do you think they are?

1969 The first people on the moon.

1909 The first Model T Ford.

1965-1975 The war in Vietnam.

1886 The most famous drink in the world.

1963 Extract from Martin Luther King's speech, 'I have a dream ...'.

1620 The first people from England arrive in America.

Listening