

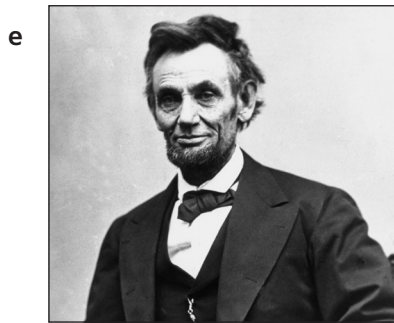
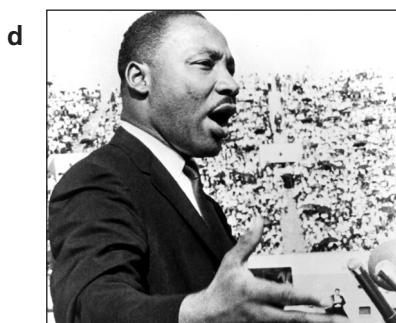
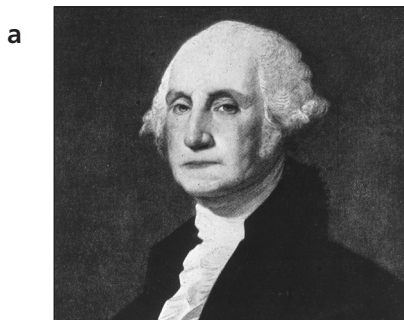
The United States of America

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A Before Reading

1 What do you know about the USA? Think about languages, sport, weather, people, politics, cities, and traditions. Make some notes about your ideas.

2 Look at these pictures from the book. Who do they show? Why are they important in the history of the USA?



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b _____

c _____

d _____

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Check your answers as you read.

B While Reading

3 There are a lot of important dates in the book. Match the years on the left with the events on the right. The first one is an example.

	Year	Event
<input type="checkbox"/> o	1 1609	a The first tourist went into space.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 1620	b Slavery became illegal in the north of the USA.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 1621	c Yellowstone Park became the first national park.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 1624	d Alaska and Hawaii became part of the USA.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 1776	e The Johnson Space Center was built.
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 1783	f The Thanksgiving dinner tradition first started.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 1850	g English people sailing on <i>The Mayflower</i> arrived on Plymouth Rock.
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 1872	h The Battle of Little Big Horn took place.
<input type="checkbox"/>	9 1876	i The Declaration of Independence was signed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	10 1882	j Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech.
<input type="checkbox"/>	11 1885	k The first African-American president was elected.
<input type="checkbox"/>	12 1929	l The Dutch arrived in the USA.
<input type="checkbox"/>	13 1955	m Car companies want to produce cars which do not need a driver.
<input type="checkbox"/>	14 1959	n John F. Kennedy was shot.
<input type="checkbox"/>	15 1961	o Henry Hudson, from England, first sailed up a river in New York.
<input type="checkbox"/>	16 1963	p France gave The Statue of Liberty to the USA.
<input type="checkbox"/>	17 1968	q The Labor Day holiday first started.
<input type="checkbox"/>	18 1975	r New York was one of the safest cities in the USA.
<input type="checkbox"/>	19 2001	s Rosa Parks protested against racism on a bus.
<input type="checkbox"/>	20 2003	t The US dollar crashed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	21 2009	u The War of Independence ended.
<input type="checkbox"/>	22 2025	v Bill Gates started the Microsoft company.

Check your ideas as you read.

C After Reading

- 4 Chapter 5 is about nature and the environment. Draw a map of your country and mark the geographical features (mountains, rivers, forests, etc.).



- 5 Write an article for a guide book about the natural environment in your country. Make suggestions about where to visit. Search online for information about your country to include in your article.

