

Fourth Activity: From Segregation to the White House

Step 1: Read the texts and look at the picture.

Step 2: Fill in the blanks in the timeline with the right numbers and letters.

1: Barack Obama was elected 44th President of the United States of America. He was the first black person to reach this highly coveted position and remained in power for the duration of his two consecutive terms in office.

3 : At the end of the March on Washington, Pastor Martin Luther King delivered his famous « I Have a Dream » speech, inspiring thousands of people and kicking the Civil Rights Movement into a faster pace. A year later, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work within the Movement.

4 : In Little Rock, Arkansas, although school segregation has been illegal for three years, nine black students were denied entry to a segregated school. President Eisenhower had to intervene to protect the young people.

2 : Finally, thirteen years after Rosa Parks was arrested, the Civil Rights Act was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in the presence of Pastor Martin Luther King. It was a great victory for the Movement but was soon darkened by the assassination of Martin Luther King in April of the same year.

5 : An icon to many, Rosa Parks first came to be known as the black woman who refused to give up her seat for a white passenger in a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. She was arrested, fined a ridiculous 14 dollars and she even lost her job for her action but she also caught the attention of the 26 year-old Martin Luther King, who decided to join in her fight for equality. She is often referred to as the « mother of the freedom movement ».

