



SELMA

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1 When this story takes place, who is ...

- a) ... President of the USA?
Lyndon Baines Johnson
- b) ... Director of the FBI?

- c) ... leader of the civil rights movement?

- d) ... Governor of Alabama?

- e) ... trying to vote in Selma?

Where is ...

- f) ... the Oval Office?
- g) ... the Edmund Pettus Bridge?

2 When ...

- a) ... do the American Civil War and slavery end? 1865
- b) ... does Rosa Parks refuse to give her seat to a white man?
- c) ... do the Ku Klux Klan appear for the second time?
- d) ... does the Civil Rights Act become law in the USA?
- e) ... does the story of Selma take place?

Chapters 1–4

1 Match the two halves of these sentences.

- a) The 'lost ones' are ... i) before his family.
- b) Annie Lee Cooper has already tried to register to vote ... ii) 20 million black Americans.
- c) In Alabama there are ... iii) three times.
- d) Coretta thinks it's okay ... iv) 67 judges.
- e) Dr King puts the civil rights movement ... v) four girls killed in an Alabama church.
- f) Dr King takes the prize for the four girls and ... vi) to take a few days' break.

2 Who are these sentences about – Dr King or President Johnson? Tick the correct box.

- | | Dr King | President Johnson |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) He thinks the Civil Rights Act is enough for now. | ☐ | ☒ |
| b) He follows the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi. | ☐ | ☐ |
| c) He's a Nobel Prize winner. | ☐ | ☐ |
| d) He doesn't want to work at the White House. | ☐ | ☐ |
| e) He wants to fight for poor people of all colours. | ☐ | ☐ |

3 Choose the correct option. Tick the correct box.

- a) Who isn't welcome in Alabama, according to Ralph?
☐ White people. ☒ Black people.
- b) Where does Dr King go first when they arrive in Selma?
☐ The Courthouse. ☐ The Hotel Albert.
- c) What does a white man do in the hotel?
☐ Hits Dr King. ☐ Takes Dr King's hand.
- d) What is the FBI's first plan to deal with Dr King?
☐ Kill him. ☐ Break up his family.
- e) What does Coretta do when she gets a horrible phone call?
☐ Shouts back. ☐ Puts the phone down.
- f) What does Dr King say about the fight for the vote?
☐ It will be easy. ☐ It will be difficult.

4 Work with a partner. One of you is Coretta. The other is a close friend. Talk about Coretta's life. What is her life like? What would she like to change?

Chapters 5–8

1 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a) White people are taking part in the sit-down protest at the Courthouse. ☐ F
- b) The sheriff pushes Jimmie Lee to the ground. ☐
- c) Annie Lee Cooper hits the sheriff with her bag. ☐
- d) A photographer takes a photo of Jimmie Lee's grandfather on the ground. ☐
- e) Governor Wallace phones the President to tell him about black trouble-makers in Alabama. ☐
- f) Dr King and some of his team are in jail. ☐
- g) Dr King will lead the night march in Selma. ☐

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2 Put these sentences in the order they happen.

- a) Jimmie Lee gets his grandfather and mother into a restaurant. ☒
- b) One officer beats Cager Lee and another fires his gun at Jimmie Lee. ☐
- c) The police attack the marchers. ☐
- d) The night marchers walk through the dark streets. ☐
- e) The police follow them into the restaurant. ☐
- f) The police shine car lights into the marchers' eyes. ☐
- g) The police tell the marchers to move back and someone fires a gun. ☐

3 Answer the questions.

- a) Where did Jimmie Lee Jackson fight for his country?
Vietnam
- b) How old was Jimmie when he died?
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- c) What is on top of the wooden box in the church?
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- d) Which black people does Dr King say killed Jimmie?
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- e) Who is sitting behind Jimmie's mother?
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- f) What does Dr King say they will do for Jimmie?
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4 Work with a partner. Student A is a newspaper reporter. Student B is a person from Selma. Student A asks about what has happened in the town in the last few days – the sit-down protest, the night march and Dr King speaking in the church. Student B answers the questions.

Chapters 9–11

1 Which of these ways does the President use to try to change Dr King's plans? Tick the boxes.

- ☐ a) gets angry with Dr King
- ☐ b) asks for Dr King's help
- ☐ c) says he'll put Dr King in jail
- ☐ d) says Dr King's not safe from the Ku Klux Klan
- ☐ e) asks the FBI to try to break up Dr King's family
- ☐ f) asks the FBI to kill Dr King

2 Choose the correct word(s) in *italics* in these sentences.

- a) Dr King / Hosea Williams and John Lewis lead the first march over the bridge.
- b) At first, the march is very *quiet* / *noisy*.
- c) The marchers are carrying *sticks* / *sleeping bags*.

- d) When the marchers meet the police, *the police move to one side* / *the sheriff fires a gun*.
- e) The police run after the protesters to *help* / *beat* them.
- f) The beatings *are* / *aren't* on the TV news.
- g) Dr King invites *all Americans* / *reporters and cameramen* to join him.

3 Who ...

- a) ... interviews James Reeb outside the church?
Roy Reed
- b) ... tells the police on the bridge to move to the side?
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- c) ... does Dr King ask for help on the bridge?
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- d) ... asks Dr King what happened on the bridge?
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- e) ... does Dr King write to?
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- f) ... kills James Reeb?
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4 Work with a partner. You are in the second march and Dr King turns back. Talk about what is happening and why.

Chapters 12–Epilogue

1 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- a) The President has telephoned
 - i) Jimmie Lee Jackson's mother.
 - ii) James Reeb's wife.
- b) Dr King needs to talk to someone
 - i) who is very close to him.
 - ii) who understands him but isn't close to him.
- c) John Lewis cries when he remembers
 - i) a white girl attacking his friend.
 - ii) Rosa Parks in Montgomery.
- d) Judge Johnson decides that the five-day march to Montgomery
 - i) can take place.
 - ii) can't take place.
- e) The President takes the side of
 - i) George Wallace.
 - ii) Dr King.
- f) The President goes to the House of Congress with a new law
 - i) on voting rights.
 - ii) to help poor people.
- g) The march to Montgomery turns into
 - i) a party.
 - ii) a violent fight.
- h) In Montgomery, Dr King speaks to
 - i) 8,000 people.
 - ii) 25,000 people.