

Listening Exercise 1A KEY: A Brief History of the United States

Go to [this link](#) and watch the video about the short history of the United States. Then answer the following questions and check your answers by using the correction key, which is also available on the website.

1. What was the main reason pilgrims left Great-Britain?

They were afraid of being persecuted.

2. Upon arriving in the new world, the pilgrims saw there were already people living there. How did they fix this problem?

They killed those people because the pilgrims were afraid.

3. When did they start killing the British in an attempt to gain independence?

In 1775.

4. How did the United States become the richest country in the world?

By getting slaves from Africa and forcing them to work for free. The United States became the richest country because of slavery.

5. Who was Samuel Colt?

The guy who invented a gun that you could shoot multiple times without reloading.

6. Which organization was founded in 1871?

The NRA (National Rifle Association).

7. What happened in 1955?

A black woman on a bus refused to give her place to a white man.

8. Why did the white people flee to the 'suburbs'?

They thought it was safer there.

9. What is hinted at in the final 15 seconds of the video?

Americans always find something to be scared of and to justify the use and ownership of guns.