

## Listening Exercise 1B: 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 issue when pilgrims arrived in the new world?

*They saw there were already people living there and the pilgrims were afraid of them.*

2. What did they do to the people they thought were witches?

*They burned them.*

3. What is in the second amendment of the American constitution?

*Every white man can have a gun.*

4. Why did white Americans get scared all of a sudden? Even when they were the richest country in the world?

*There were more slaves than white Americans and the white Americans were afraid that the slaves would revolt.*

5. Who won the civil war?

*The North; the northern states.*

6. What was one of the first gun laws in the United States?

*It became illegal for a black man to own a gun.*

7. In 1955, a black woman on a bus refused to give her place to a white man.

Why was this an important event?

*Black people everywhere revolted in an attempt to stop racial inequality.*

8. How did white people try to protect themselves in the 'suburbs'?

*They bought 250,000 million guns, put extra locks on houses and they installed cameras.*

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.*