**Frederick Douglass’s Fourth of July speech at an Independence Day celebration in New York**

* Click [**here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tTkHJWxfP0) to access the speech

**American Independence** America declared independence from Britain in 1776 and had to fight for a number of years to defend their independence

**Independence Day** Independence Day is celebrated each year on the 4th of July to commemorate the ‘split’ from British rule

**The American Civil War** The American Civil took place between 1861-1865; the primary cause was a disagreement over the institution of slavery

**Slavery in America** Slavery was abolished in America in 1865. In the ‘Northern’ states, slavery had been abolished earlier; New York (where Douglass was speaking) abolished slavery in 1827

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**Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg address delivered at the Gettysburg National Cemetery**

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**‘Four score and seven years’** This is a reference to when the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776; a ‘score’ is 20 years, so the total is 87. Lincoln delivered the speech in 1863

**The American Civil War** The American Civil took place between 1861-1865

**Union and Confederacy** The war was fought between the ‘Union’ (i.e. ‘United’) states and eleven states from the south of the country; the primary cause was a disagreement over the institution of slavery

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**Emmeline Pankhurst’s Freedom or Death speech delivered in Connecticut**

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**Suffrage** Suffrage means the right to vote in parliamentary and general elections

**Emmeline Pankhurst** Pankhurst formed The Women’s Social and Political Union (WSPU) in 1903. In 1905, the group adopted ‘Deeds not Words’ as their motto. Pankhurst was arrested on a number of occasions for her role in protests against the government

**The Right to Vote** Women over the age of 30 (who met a property qualification) gained the right to vote in 1918. It wasn’t until 1928 that women over the age of 21 got the vote, meaning that they finally had the same voting rights as men

**Neville Chamberlain’s speech to the House of Commons following the German invasion of Poland**

* Click [**here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2qlZHW-fDI)to access the speech

**Invasion of Poland** The invasion of Poland in 1939 resulted in Britain and France declaring war on Nazi Germany. Prior to this point, the policy of both countries had been characterised by ‘appeasement’

**German Chancellor** The role of Chancellor is equivalent to the role of Prime Minister. Adolf Hitler was the German Chancellor in 1939, having been elected in 1933

**World War II** World War II lasted for six years, spanning 1939-1945

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**Richard Nixon’s ‘Checkers’ speech delivered at the El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles**

* Click [**here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXnwW-rGWsU)to access the speech (1:17 onwards)

**Richard Nixon** Following the speech, Nixon served as Vice President under Dwight Eisenhower. He was elected as President in 1969

**Corruption** Nixon was accused of accepting and keeping financial ‘gifts’ during his campaign to become Vice President. Nixon maintained that he used the money to fund his campaign and did not keep any of it for personal gain

**Checkers** Nixon’s speech is commonly referred to as the ‘Checkers’ speech after the name of the dog that he decided to keep

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**Martin Luther King’s address delivered at the March for Jobs and Freedom in Washington**

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**Segregation** African Americans were segregated (i.e. separated) from white Americans in every aspect of social and political life until the late 1960s

**Civil Rights Movement** The Civil Rights Movement was an organised political movement that took place during the 1950s and 1960s that aimed to ensure that African Americans gained equal rights

**The Civil Rights Act** President Lydon Johnson passed legislation for equal employment, fairer voting rights and the integration of public facilities

**Harvey Milk’s speech delivered at the Gay Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco**

* Click [**here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAOjMQcCu2o&t=115s)to access the speech (2:24 onwards)

**‘slandered’** Despite progress having been made during the 1960s, LGBTQ people continued to be the victims of harassment, persecution and violence

**Dade County** An attempt was made in Dade County, Florida, to repeal anti-discrimination laws based on the bigoted view that homosexuality and homosexual people are a threat to children

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**Barak Obama’s election night speech delivered in Chicago**

* Click [**here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJfGx4G8tjo)to access the speech (2:14 onwards)

**2008 Election** Barack Obama was the first African-American President of the United States of America

**‘$5 and $10 and $20’** Obama was able to mobilise significant amounts of funding from those who supported his campaign; he chose not to use any public money

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**Julia Gillard’s speech delivered in response to accusations of sexism by Tony Abbott**

* Click [**here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihd7ofrwQX0)to access the speech

**Leader of the Opposition** Tony Abbott was Leader of the Liberal Party of Australia in 2010; Julia Gillard was a member of the Australian Labor Party and Prime Minister at the time

**House of Representatives** Broadly speaking, the House of Representatives is the equivalent of the House of Commons

**Misogyny** Misogyny is a hatred of, contempt for, or prejudice against women

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**Sandra Oh’s speech delivered during a surprise appearance at the Stop Asian Hate protest in Pittsburgh**

* Click [**here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hng-AMe_H8M)to access the speech

**Stop Asian Hate** The protests were part of an organised response to racial discrimination and violence against Asian-Americans during and after the Covid-19 pandemic

**Covid-19** The pandemic was first reported in the city of Wuhan, China; data suggests that hate crimes against Asian-Americans rose by 150% in 2020