

### **Zusammenfassung „Melba’s story“**

„Melba’s story“ is about a young African American teenage girl who lives in Little Rock, Arkansas. When Melba is young, she is often discriminated against, e.g. by a ticket man, who calls her a nigger when she wants to ride a merry-go-round. Later Melba goes to a school for black students. But in 1955, the Supreme Court rules that school segregation is against the law. So in 1957, Melba volunteers to go to Little Rock’s big high school for whites, Central High, together with eight other black kids. But the white people are furious. They don’t want black students at their kids’ school. The white parents stop the the black students from entering the school, with the help of the National Guard, which is sent to Little Rock by the Governor of Arkansas. When the „Little Rock Nine“ enter the school through a side door for the first time, the white students are enraged and the police has to get the black students out to save their lives. After that, the US President sends soldiers to protect the students on their way to school and in the school. In spite of having bodyguards, there are several attacks on the black students. In one attack, boy throws acid in Melba’s eyes. Her bodyguard soldier, Danny, saves her eyelight by splashing cold water into her eyes. At the end of the year, the Governor closes all schools in Little Rock to stop black students from going to white schools. Melba goes to California and lives with a white family, who give her the chance of finishing her education.

### **Timeline Rosa Parks**

1913: born in Tuskegee, Alabama

1917: often ill as a child

1928: dropped out of school

1932: married Raymond Parks

1955: refused to give up her seat in a bus

1992: published her autobiography *Rosa Parks: My Story*

2005: died at the age of 92

### **Buch S. 93 How am I doing?**

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## 1 Write the missing words.

- 1 Madison's mom works for the TV news network CNN.
- 2 Madison's favourite programmes are weekly crime and drama series.
- 3 When Madison knew the date of Martin Luther King's death, her dad was impressed/surprised.
- 4 Madison was really disappointed that she couldn't go to the airport with her mom.
- 5 Shirley Franklin was elected first African-American woman mayor of Atlanta in 2002.
- 6 Martin Luther King, leader of the US Civil Rights Movement, came from Atlanta.

## 2 Since or for?

Madison has been at her friend's ...

- 1 since 4 o'clock.
- 2 for at least three hours.
- 3 for a long time.
- 4 since this morning.

Marcia  
and I have been at  
the shopping center  
for hours.



## 3 Ask questions with How long ...? + present perfect.

- 1 Madison is at the MLK Center. How long has she been there?
- 2 The Youngs have a new flat screen TV. How long have they had it?
- 3 Madison and her parents live in Atlanta. How long have they lived there?

## 4 During or while?

- 1 The phone rang three times while Madison was watching her favourite programme.
- 2 The phone rang three times during Madison's favourite programme.

## 5 STUDY SKILLS Research

Find and tick (✓) the five correct sentences.

When you look for information on the internet or in books, ...

- use only one good source. \_\_\_\_\_
- use more than one source.
- use at least one English source.
- think of the 5 Ws.
- take notes in full sentences. \_\_\_\_\_
- say what your sources are.
- use your own words.