

I am Malaysian

Read and Understand

Route to Independence



- Spearheaded by Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, first prime Minister
- Delegation to London to negotiate with the British for independence
- Agreement reached on 8 February 1956- proclamation to be made the following year
- Tunku arrived home with good news of independence for Malaya



Birth of Independence

• 20 February 1956

- Proclamation at Padang Pahlawan, Melaka by Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj
- Independence mission received with much jubilation
- Escorted by convoy of cars and supporters from Ayer Keroh to Padang Merdeka
- Proclamation made amidst cries of Merdeka to Malayans from all walks of life

• 30 August 1957

- Tunku Abdul Rahman was at Merdeka Square in Kuala Lumpur and observed two minutes of silence at 11:58 p.m. At the stroke of midnight, the Malayan Federation was born.

• 31 August 1957

- Tunku Abdul Rahman read the Proclamation of Independence at Stadium Merdeka Followed by seven shouts of Merdeka.
- The Union Jack was lowered.
- The Malayan flag was hoisted.
- The National Anthem, Negaraku, was played.

Birth of sovereignty of Malaysia



- July 1963- enactment of Malaysia Agreement and Malaysia Act
- 16 September 1963- Proclamation of Malaysia- merging of Federation of Malaya with the British colonies of North Borneo, Sarawak and Singapore
- Delivered by Tunku Abdul Rahman at Stadium Merdeka
- Singapore opted out two years later and so now there are West Malaysia and East Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak)



Hari Kemerdekaan or Independence Day

- Celebrated every year in a harmonious way
- Grand and colourful parade at Merdeka Square
- Different theme each year

Task 1

1. Rearrange the events on the birth of the nation.

a. 20 February 1956-proclamation at Padang Pahlawan, Merdeka by Tunku Abdul Rahman. { }

b. The National Anthem was played. { }

c. 30 August 1957- Tunku Abdul Rahman observed two minutes silence at Merdeka Square at 11:58p.m. { }

d. The flag, Union Jack was lowered. { }

e. 31 August 1957- the Proclamation of Independence was read at Stadium Merdeka. { }

f. The Malaysian Flag was hoisted . { }

g. At the stroke of midnight, the Malayan Federation was born . { }

h. Tunku Abdul Rahman made seven shouts of Merdeka. { }