

Part 1 -- Verbs: Look up these words in a dictionary if you do not know them.

- a. Fight / Fought
- b. Belong
- c. Break / Broke
- d. Protest / Protested
- e. Take away

Part 2 -- Listen and read the news article. Pay attention to the pronunciation of the underlined words.

In the USA, the Virginia governor wants to take away a statue of General Robert E. Lee. Lee is an important person in American history. Lee fought in the American Civil War. This is a war where people in America fought each other.

Lee fought for the southern states. He wanted to keep black people as slaves. A slave is a person who is not free. This person belongs to somebody else. In American history, many white people had black slaves.

A statue of Lee is in Richmond, Virginia. Last week, many people protested over the death of George Floyd. Floyd is a black man. Police killed him. In Richmond, people broke the statue during the protests.

The statue reminds people of the sad history of black people in the US. However, other people say that it is an important part of history. They want to keep the statue.

The city wants to take away other statues, too.

Part 3 -- Answer the questions.

1. Why is General E. Lee famous?

2. Where is the statue of General E. Lee?

3. Why are people protesting now?

4. Why does the governor of Virginia want to remove the statue of General E. Lee?
