

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 Malaysians 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.

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| b. The National Anthem was played. | { | } |
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