



Fiche élèves

2/ The Sharks or the American dream



In the film, Maria – the sister of the Sharks' leader – says:

This is my first time in New York City. I want to be happy here. I want to make a life, a home.

This line is an introduction to a song called *America*. In this song, the Puerto Rican immigrants express their feelings about the United States. But men and women don't agree.

a/ Listen to the 1961 version of the song *America*.

b/ Read the lyrics and draw **W** for the lines sung by women and **M** for the lines sung by men.



<input type="checkbox"/> I like to be in America	<input type="checkbox"/> I'll get a terrace apartment
<input type="checkbox"/> Okay by me in America	<input type="checkbox"/> Better get rid of your accent
<input type="checkbox"/> Everything free in America	<input type="checkbox"/> Life can be bright in America
<input type="checkbox"/> For a small fee in America	<input type="checkbox"/> If you can fight in America
<input type="checkbox"/> Buying on credit is so nice	<input type="checkbox"/> Life is all right in America
<input type="checkbox"/> One look at us and they charge twice	<input type="checkbox"/> If you're a white in America
<input type="checkbox"/> I have my own washing machine	<input type="checkbox"/> Here you are free and you have pride
<input type="checkbox"/> What will you have not to keep clean?	<input type="checkbox"/> Long as you stay on your own side
<input type="checkbox"/> Skyscrapers bloom in America	<input type="checkbox"/> Free to be anything you choose
<input type="checkbox"/> Cadillacs zoom in America	<input type="checkbox"/> Free to wait tables and shine shoes
<input type="checkbox"/> Industry boom in America	<input type="checkbox"/> Everywhere grime in America
<input type="checkbox"/> Twelve in a room in America	<input type="checkbox"/> Organized crime in America
<input type="checkbox"/> Lots of new housing with more space	<input type="checkbox"/> Terrible time in America
<input type="checkbox"/> Lots of doors slamming in our face	

c/ Tick the words corresponding to the women

space

freedom

crime

exploitation

discrimination

consumption