



## Say It Plain: Student Exercises - Segment 2

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### Listening Comprehension Questions

Read the following questions, then listen to the second segment of [\*“Say it Plain”\*](#) to find the answers.

#### Answer the following questions:

1. According to Marcus Garvey, what steps should African Americans take in order to improve their lives?
2. How did the advent of radio the audience for African American speeches during the middle of the twentieth century?
3. What First Lady was a close friend of Mary McLeod Bethune?
4. According to James Cone, why did Mary McLeod Bethune promote racial justice by celebrating the core democratic principles such as equality, freedom, and courage?
5. What experience led Stokely Carmichael to reject the civil rights movement’s goal of racial integration?
6. Why was Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tennessee in April 1968?
7. Why was Martin Luther King Jr. aware that his life was in danger when he gave his last speech in April 1968?



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### Key Terms and Topics

#### Terms

From the second segment of [\*“Say it Plain”\*](#)

Endemic

Lynching

Exodus

Militant

Rhetoric

Commonwealth

Theology

Aspiration

Integration

Subterfuge

White supremacy

Protégé

Open occupancy

Injunction

Totalitarian

Longevity

Crispus Attucks

“Thalidomide drug of integration”

Black Power