



### **A Beautiful and Tragic Family**

4. *Imagine You Were There:* Imagine you were present at a United Negro Improvement Association meeting with Malcolm's father and mother, Earl Little and Louise Langdon. You are all discussing the possible difficulties with carrying through Marcus Garvey's plans. What difficulties would you mention, and how would you suggest overcoming them?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. *Thinking About Strategy:* Why did Malcolm's parents teach their children to grow their own food and to learn about the healing powers of different plants? What did this have to do with black liberation?

### **The Nation of Islam**

6. *Thinking About Similarity and Difference:* In what ways were the ideas of Marcus Garvey and the Nation of Islam similar? In what ways were they different?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. *Thinking About Changing Perspectives:* How did Malcolm first react to the Nation of Islam's belief that white people were "devils," and why did his thoughts change?

### **The Afro-Asian Conference**

8. *Thinking About Global Connections:* Why was Malcolm X inspired by the Afro-Asian Conference? Why did he feel that this event on the other side of the world was relevant to African Americans?

### **The First Journey Abroad, and the First Doubts**

9. *Thinking About Changing Perspectives:* How and why did Malcolm X's views begin to change after his first journey to the Middle East?

10. *Thinking About Public Presentation:* How did Malcolm portray himself in the first chapters of his *Autobiography*, and why? What can this teach us about the challenges of using sources in history?

### **The Hajj**

11. *Thinking About Changing Perspectives:* How, and why, did Malcolm's views on whites change when he took the Hajj?

### **Among The Expatriates in Ghana**

12. *Thinking About Multiple Perspectives:* Describe the different perspectives on capitalism held by Marcus Garvey on the one hand, and the anti-capitalist revolutionaries in Ghana who Malcolm X came to agree with.

13. *Thinking About Changing Perspectives:* How, and why, did Malcolm's views on race continue to change while in Ghana?

14. *Thinking About Changing Perspectives:* How, and why, did Malcolm's views on women change while in Ghana?

### **The Organization of Afro-American Unity**

15. *Thinking About Public Presentation:* When Malcolm returned from Ghana, how did he portray himself to the American public, and why? Why did he choose to downplay certain parts of his thinking, while highlighting others?

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16. *Thinking About Strategy*: Describe the strategy of Malcolm X's Organization of Afro-American Unity.

17. *Thinking About Strategy*: Why did many civil rights leaders agree with Malcolm X that it was time for African Americans to turn to the United Nations for help?

### **Malcolm's Five Months Abroad**

18. *Thinking About Strategy*: Why did Malcolm X think it was important to build ties to Islamic leaders in the Middle East, on the one hand; and African leaders, on the other?

19. *Thinking About Repercussions*: How did Malcolm X's activities abroad place him in danger, and why?

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**In England**

20. *Thinking About Public Presentation:* Why was Malcolm X struggling to portray himself to the American public, and why did he think that debating at the Oxford Union would help?

21. *Thinking About Strategy:* Why did Malcolm X think it was important to build relationships with colonized people living *within* countries like England and France?