English

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# Part 1:

The Two texts treat about the role of black people in important events throughout American History. The first text deals with black cowboys and cowgirls. The second text reveals the role of black women in NASA operations. The main link between the two text is that black people were almost never mentioned in documentaries, films, or any big event (such as revealing who was behind the “human computers” of NASA operations). In the first text, the fault is mainly blamed on Hollywood and the majority of cowboy films where the narratives were mainly given to white actors, thus, expelling the black people from the American dream ideology. Only a handful of films nowadays feature black people as cowboys, one of them is “Unforgiven” by Clint Eastwood. This is changing because more documentaries, and research are being published – Photographer Rory Doyle and his project of “Delta Hill” –. Black American cowboys and cowgirls were skilled workers, and it is important to keep in mind that one out of four cowboys on the frontier were black. In some cities – such as Cleveland – black cowgirls and cowboys ride for the Christmas parade. Where in the first text, black people were rarely mentioned, in the second text they were not mentioned at all, until 1961 where Alan Shepard – the first black person – orbits Earth. For the black human computers, – black women that did all the mathematics to enable space travels –, the world had to wait until 2016 to fully discover them throughout a bestselling book and a popular movie both named “Hidden Figures”. Nowadays the road to in which the NASA building stands is now named “Hidden Figures Way”.

# Part 2:

## Subject B:

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| Wednesday, 2nd December 2016  To my beloved granddaughter  Dear granddaughter,  I hereby write this letter to you because an incredible event has just occured. For many years I had been expecting this moment and it has finally happened. Back in the time when I used to work for the NASA, we were the ones who did the maths so that missions would be successfully led, but never were we mentioned anywhere. Well, today, all this has changed. The NASA has decided the change the name of the road (in which their building stands). And guess what name they gave it. The Hidden Figures Way, like the film we like to sometimes watch in the evening. But the best of this letter is yet to come. Your granny has been invited to the ceremony. I am so glad and cannot wait to be there.  I hope the family is doing well.  Yours, your beloved granny, Katherine Johnson.  PS: If your parents agree, I will take you with me to the inauguration. |

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