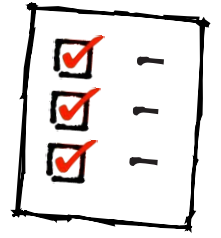


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Day Two

African Americans and the Iraq War

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- Surveys showed more than half of African Americans
- could have gone to support schools
- All these feelings affected enlistment
- even if they had doubts about the war
- I looked at it as an American experience

- Eugene yoo | **JEEN**
- protest **PROH** | test
- surveys **SUR** | vays
- recruited rih | **KROOT** | id
- doubts **DOWTS**
- Lieutenant loo | **TEN** | ent
- Alfeia al | **FEE** | yah



Decoding practice:

Part 1

Look for two consonants together in the middle of the word.

- Underline the middle two consonants
- Draw a line between the two consonants

fi|f|tē|en

argued

Part 2

- Underline the vowel combo
- Write a long vowel sign $\bar{\text{}}$ on top of the first vowel in the combo
- Cross out the second vowel in the combo

appeal

volunteer

degree

The first one is done for you. Read the word to your partner. Chunk and blend the syllables. Use a long vowel sound for the vowel combo.



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Part 2: Last read

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Eugene Puryear was fifteen when the Iraq War began. Eugene is African American. He had always seen the military as a good career. Family members had served. But after two years of fighting, Eugene was upset. He started a protest at his high school. Eugene and other students argued that the war was only helping rich people. After graduation, Eugene earned a college degree. He did not volunteer for the military.

Surveys showed more than half of African Americans opposed the Iraq War. Many thought too many American troops were dying. People worried that the war was dragging on.

The high cost of the war was a concern as well. Money spent on the war could have gone to support schools or other services. All these feelings affected enlistment. Soon after the Iraq War began, military service lost its appeal. Fewer and fewer African Americans were recruited.

Some African Americans supported the war. Some enlisted, having faith in the military, even if they had doubts about the war. Lieutenant Alfeia Goodwin is an African American veteran. She served in Iraq from 2003 to 2004. She does not regret her time there. She is proud that she served. "I looked at it as an American experience," she told *PBS News* in 2007. She said soldiers can disagree with a war and still serve with honor in the military. "We separate the Army from the war," she said.

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think soldiers should fight even when they have doubts about the war? Why or why not?

Share your answer with your partner. Then write down your partner's ideas about the question.
