

Dear class 11/ENG1,

First of all, below you can find some solutions for the tasks from last week:

Task 1

LÖS

- 1 **false.** The Great Recession did not trigger the elimination of jobs. (l. 1, 'even before the Great Recession hit ...')
- 2 **false.** Wages have 'barely budged' (l. 6), which suggests that they have remained on more or less the same level.
- 3 **true.** (cf. ll. 10–11)
- 4 **not given.** Obama only says that '[i]t's not enough to train today's work force.' (l. 25). From this statement you cannot conclude that currently there is not enough training for today's workforce.
- 5 **false.** 'Redesigning high schools' (l. 27), as the context suggests, does not refer to school buildings but to institutions.
- 6 **false.** Misty DeMars promises she and her husband 'will raise [their] children in their home in the community [they] love.' (ll. 23–24) This suggests that they still own their home.
- 7 **Information is not given.** 'I am confident that in time I will find a job ... I will pay my taxes'. (ll. 22–23) This suggests that Misty is not paying taxes at the moment. The text does not explicitly say that people who are out of work do not have to pay taxes.
- 8 **false.** Only federal minimum wage is worth 20 percent less today as compared to the time of Reagan's presidency. (ll. 37–38)

Task 2

LÖS Obama wants to

- reform unemployment insurance so that it's more effective in today's economy (ll. 10–11)
- help Americans return to the workforce (l. 10) = Roosevelt
- restore the unemployment insurance that has expired for 1.6 million people (ll. 12–13)
- prepare tomorrow's workforce (ll. 25–26) = Roosevelt
- redesign high schools and partner them with colleges and employers (ll. 27–28)
- change/remodel the system of higher education (ll. 29–31) = Roosevelt
- offer millions the opportunity to cap their monthly student loan payments (ll. 32–33)
- help even more Americans who feel trapped by student loan debt (ll. 33–34)
- help more young men of color facing tough odds stay on track and reach their full potential (l. 36)
- increase the federal minimum wage to \$ 10.10 (ll. 39–40)

Task 3

4a LÖS Individual answers, possible questions might be:

- Tell us about your present situation.
- You said you had never collected unemployment benefits. Now that you are out of job, are you collecting unemployment benefits? If so, how does it feel?
- What made you write the letter to President Obama?
- What do you hope the President can do for you?
- How did it feel that the President mentioned you especially in his speech?
- How has this changed your current situation/your life?
- What has happened since then?
- Would you do the same thing again and write a letter to the President? Who else would you write to (instead)?

Tasks for today, Tuesday Nov 24th: next page!

Tasks for November 24th:

1. Read the text "Income inequality and guaranteed income" in your student books on page 185f.
2. Try to understand the text, look up new or unknown words.
3. Work on the tasks 1a and 1b and 1c and 3 in your books.

Hope to see you soon!