

# Answers

1. Find and copy one word which means the same as **separation based on race**.

**segregation**

2. In your own words, explain Martin Luther King Jr.'s aim?

**Accept any suitable summary of King's aim, such as: Martin Luther King Jr.'s aim was to ensure that all Americans had the same rights regardless of their race.**

3. Give three examples of how African-Americans were treated differently from white people.

**Accept any three of the following: There were separate areas for African Americans and white people on public transport, parks, restaurants and in public toilets; Some African American adults and children suffered violence, were threatened, wrongfully put in prison or killed; Up until the 1960s, African Americans in some states of the US could not vote in elections; African Americans were not allowed to go to school with white children; In certain parts of the USA, African American children weren't allowed to go to school at all; African Americans had to give up their seats for white people on public transport.**

4. Why do you think that Martin Luther King Jr. believed it best to carry out non-violent demonstrations?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Martin Luther King Jr. believed that they wouldn't be listened to if they protested aggressively. He wanted to show how the black community were willing to get along with the white community.**

5. What do you think Martin Luther King Jr. mean when he says he hopes his children will be judged by the "**content of their character**"?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Martin Luther King Jr. meant that he didn't want his children to be judged by the way they look but by the way they behave as a human beings.**

6. Which definition best fits the word assassinate? Tick one.

to attend a funeral

to be a president

to kill an important person for religious or political beliefs

7. How was Martin Luther King Jr. killed?

**Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated outside his motel room.**

8. Why do you think President Reagan declared a public holiday in memory of Martin Luther King?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Reagan declared a public holiday in memory of King because it gives people the opportunity to remember King's actions and determination which has shaped the rights and the world in which we live today.**

9. Martin Luther King Jr.'s funeral was well attended. Why do you think this was the case?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think his funeral was well attended because his words and actions had a positive effect on people's lives and they wanted to pay their respects for what he had done to help them; I think his funeral was so well attended because he had inspired so many people to stand up for what they believe in.**

10. "The time is always right to do what is right."

Explain Martin Luther King Jr.'s quote in your own words.

**Accept any suitable explanation of the quote, such as: I think that Martin Luther King Jr. is encouraging others to stand up for what is right, whenever it is necessary; I think Martin Luther King Jr. meant that there is never a wrong time to do what is right.**