

BAVARO INNOVATION SCHOOL  
READING TEST  
7TH GRADE

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Read this selection. Then answer the questions that follow it.

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

1 “I have a dream,” Martin Luther King, Jr. said in his most famous speech. His dream was that someday all people would have equal rights. He inspired people to come together to fight for this dream. King worked to make sure that African Americans would get the same rights as other people. He believed the best way to make the government change was through nonviolence. He did not want people to use force in their protests. King was a great leader who changed history.

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. lived in the southern part of the United States. During this time, African Americans had to sit at the back of the bus. If a bus was crowded, African Americans had to give their seats to white bus riders. One day, an African American woman named Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat. She was arrested. King convinced African Americans in the city to stop using the city buses in protest. Their protest lasted more than a year, but afterwards African Americans could sit anywhere on the buses.

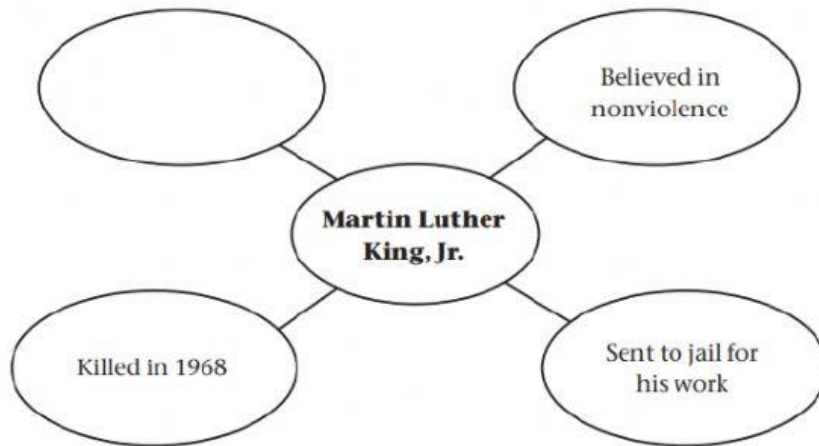
3 After those events, King led many marches and protests. He was even sent to jail because of his work. But he knew he couldn’t give up. He had to fight for a future in which all people were equal.

4 When King led an important march in Washington, D.C. and said, “I have a dream,” people listened to him. Changes began to happen. The government passed a law saying that all people, no matter what race they are, have equal rights to jobs and houses.

5 Not everyone agreed with King. Some people didn’t want anything to change. Some people wanted change to happen faster. But King continued to do the work he believed in until he was killed in 1968. King will always be important to Americans because he believed in equal rights for all people.

Questions

1 Look at this graphic organizer.



1. Look at this web about Martin Luther King, Jr. What information best completes the web?

- A Believed in equal rights for all people
- B Refused to give up his seat on a bus
- C Wanted change to happen faster
- D Believed in using violence

2. Paragraph 2 is mainly about —

- A how King helped change bus laws
- B how bus drivers treated riders
- C how King used nonviolence
- D how people listened to King

3. In paragraph 1, what words help the reader know what nonviolence means?

- A make the government
- B change government

C use force

D equal rights

**4. According to the article, how did King help change bus laws?**

A He asked the government to change the laws.

B He refused to give up his seat on a bus.

C He convinced African Americans to stop using the buses.

D He was arrested for not moving to the back of the bus.

**5. Which sentence from the selection explains King's beliefs?**

A His dream was that someday all people would have equal rights.

B He was even sent to jail because of his work.

C King convinced African Americans in the city to stop using the city buses in protest.

D King will always be important to Americans because he believed in equal rights for all people.

**I. Read this selection. Then answer the questions that follow it.**

**What Would You Like to Be?**

1 Lee's teacher wrote a question on the board. The question was "What would you like your life to be like 20 years from now?"

2 Lee had to think about the question. It was a hard one, but he had an idea. Last week, he had read a book about Jane Goodall. Jane Goodall is a scientist. She spent 35 years studying chimpanzees. She saw that chimpanzees made tools out of plants and used these tools to catch insects for food. Before this discovery, scientists thought only humans made and used tools. Jane Goodall had learned something important for science.

3 Lee smiled as he wrote his answer to the question: In 20 years, I want to be a scientist like Jane Goodall. I want to study animals and find out what

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they eat, how they find their food, how they make their homes, and how they teach their young to survive. I want to make an important discovery about animals.

**1 What is paragraph 3 mainly about?**

- A the assignment the teacher wrote on the board
- B what Lee wants his life to be like in 20 years
- C how Lee wants to make an important discovery
- D Jane Goodall's discoveries about chimpanzees

**2 According to the selection, Lee wants to —**

- A study chimpanzees with Jane Goodall
- B learn how chimpanzees use tools
- C discover something important about animals
- D find out what kinds of insects chimpanzees eat

**3 What does the word survive mean?**

- A find food
- B build a home
- C stay alive
- D make a discovery

**4 According to the selection, what can the reader conclude about Lee?**

- A He likes art.
- B He is interested in science.
- C He wants to be a teacher.
- D He likes school