



MLK Close Reading

Grade 4 Language Arts, Unit 1, Lesson 10, Part 1 of 2
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Many years ago, black people and white people were not treated the same. Black people could only sit at the back of busses. Black children went to separate schools that were not as good as the schools white children went to. There were different drinking fountains and waiting rooms for blacks and whites. Separating people by race is called segregation.

Martin Luther King Jr. thought segregation was not fair. He wanted people of all races to be treated equally. To spread his ideas, Martin gave speeches and lead marches. He asked people not to use the busses. He was famous for changing things without violence.



1st Read

What are two nonviolent ways that Martin Luther King Jr. worked for change?

1. _____

2. _____

2nd Read

The author's purpose for writing this piece is:

- (A) to persuade
- (B) to inform
- (C) to entertain

I can tell because this piece has:



3rd Read

How might life be different today if Martin Luther King Jr. had not carried out his work?

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