



Building background before reading Letter from a Birmingham Jail- 30 points

We will start this after finishing rules/expectations on Tuesday 1/30. Some time will also be devoted to this assignment on Wednesday 1/31. If you do not finish in class on Wednesday, finish at home by midnight on Wednesday 1/31.

Instructions:

- A. You will divide the 11 questions in this assignment among the people at your table.
- B. All of you will have received a copy of this document through google classroom. One of you needs to make the master document and invite your groupmates to work on one document as a group.
- C. Write the name of the people at your table in the title of the document.
- D. Write your name in a different color next to each question to indicate which questions you were responsible for. And write your answers in a different color.
- E. Please use headphones when you listen to the videos.
- F. At least one person from your group must watch the video Letter from Birmingham Jail documentary. Another person from your group must watch the actual 1963 news coverage video - watch the first ten minutes only.
- G. When you are finished, turn in through google classroom the master document that you all worked on together.

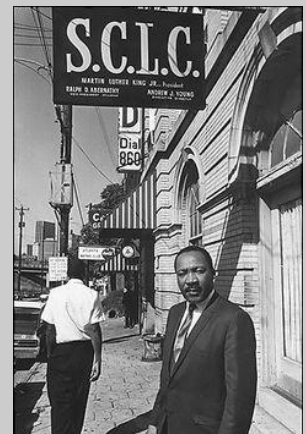
Watch this video: [Letter from Birmingham Jail documentary](#)
and this video: [Watch first ten minutes only - actual news coverage from 1963 of the Birmingham Campaign](#)

Use the information within the videos as well as the links below as resources to answer the questions in this assignment.

- [King's description of living conditions in Birmingham](#)
- [Birmingham Racial Segregation ordinances and city laws](#)
- [King Encyclopedia biography](#)
- [King's philosophy of nonviolent resistance](#)

Questions

1. King's life and education: Refer to [the King Encyclopedia source](#).
 - a. Where was King born?
 - b. Where did King complete his undergraduate studies?
 - c. Where did King complete his doctoral studies?



- d. King's father and grandfather were leaders of which organization?
2. Use the link above [King's philosophy of nonviolent resistance](#) to answer the following questions
- Name the six key principles of King's notion of nonviolence
 - How was King first introduced to the idea of nonviolence? Who did he borrow these ideas from?
 - Who is Mohandas Gandhi?
 - King wrote that Gandhi was the first person to do what?
 - King noticed, in the last paragraph of this link, that people lose hope in nonviolence when what happens?
 - Other groups such as the Black Panthers and Stokely Carmichael were advocating for taking up arms and using violence to fight for change. Based on what you read in the last paragraph of this link, why was violent revolution not an option?
3. What is the SCLC? (Refer to [the King Encyclopedia source](#))
- what role did King serve in this organization?
 - What was the organizations purpose?
 - Name two other demonstrations organized by the SCLC in the South. Briefly describe what actions these demonstrations involved?
4. Describe six aspects of the living conditions in Birmingham in 1963. (use [King's description of living conditions in Birmingham](#))
5. Describe in detail one of the Birmingham racial segregation ordinances. [Birmingham racial segregation ordinances and city laws](#)
6. Describe in your own words in at least 2 sentences per question the nonviolent protest in the Birmingham Campaign that resulted in King being jailed and thus writing Letter from a Birmingham Jail. (info from the actual CBS news coverage and the documentary)
- Who participated and roughly how many of them?
 - How did they protest? What exactly did they do?
 - How did Eugene "Bull" Connor and the Birmingham Police respond?
 - What effect did the tv news coverage of the protests have on nationwide opinion?
 - What changes occurred for life in Birmingham as a result of the protests?



- f. What happened to Public Safety Commissioner Eugene “Bull” Connor after the protests?
7. Some local leaders wrote an open letter to King and posted it in the newspaper. Who were they and what did they write? (info in the documentary video)
8. In the CBS news coverage video, King discusses why Birmingham is so important to ending segregation. What does he say?
9. Post within this document a photo of Martin Luther King, Jr as a child with his parents and siblings
10. Post a photo of King as an adult with his wife and his own children
11. Post at least four (4) photos taken during the Birmingham Campaign demonstrations.