

Study Questions for “The Ways of Meeting Oppression”

The prompt to read this information appears on p. 145 of *Acting on Words*.

For Further Thinking

1. Where is King’s thesis statement? Comment on the effect of its location.
2. What pattern of organization has been used, and how are links to the thesis sentence established?
3. Explain and illustrate the author’s apparent personal connection to his topic.
4. Explain and illustrate the author’s apparent connection to research and knowledge on the topic.
5. Explain and illustrate the author’s apparent connection to his readers.
6. In your own words, what is the author’s controlling idea?

For Further Reading

See Eugenia Gilbert’s rhetorical analysis of King’s essay, Chapter 15 (p. 228).