

Quick Check

Martin Luther King Jr.

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why did many black people refuse to ride city buses in Alabama?
 - Ⓐ It cost too much to ride a bus.
 - Ⓑ Too many white people rode the buses.
 - Ⓒ Black people were treated unfairly on the buses.
 - Ⓓ Black people couldn't get on the buses.
2. What was Martin Luther King Jr.'s job?
 - Ⓐ teacher
 - Ⓑ bus driver
 - Ⓒ police officer
 - Ⓓ minister
3. What does **refuse** mean?
 - Ⓐ to work toward a dream
 - Ⓑ to fight
 - Ⓒ to give up
 - Ⓓ to not go along with something
4. What happened because Martin Luther King Jr. wanted to change unfair laws?
 - Ⓐ Someone threw a bomb at Martin Luther King Jr.'s house.
 - Ⓑ Martin Luther King Jr. became a slave.
 - Ⓒ Martin Luther King Jr. passed laws.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
5. Why did the author write this book?
 - Ⓐ to explain the laws during the Civil War
 - Ⓑ to tell how Martin Luther King Jr. was a great leader
 - Ⓒ to help black people to know how to fight
 - Ⓓ all of the above
6. Which word best describes Rosa Parks?
 - Ⓐ scared
 - Ⓑ brave
 - Ⓒ weak
 - Ⓓ excited

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7. Which of these things happened before the Civil War?
 - Ⓐ Most black people were slaves.
 - Ⓑ Martin Luther King Jr. fought for freedom.
 - Ⓒ Martin Luther King Jr. was born.
 - Ⓓ Black people could go to any school they wanted to.
8. What laws did black people in the South want to change?
 - Ⓐ laws that black people had to sit in the back of buses
 - Ⓑ laws that black people could not use the same drinking fountains as whites
 - Ⓒ laws that black children could not go to school with white children
 - Ⓓ all of the above
9. What happened after Martin Luther King Jr. gave his speech in Washington, D.C.?
 - Ⓐ He refused to ride buses.
 - Ⓑ He was shot and killed.
 - Ⓒ He went to Montgomery, Alabama.
 - Ⓓ He gave up on his dream.
10. Why do we remember Martin Luther King Jr. today?
 - Ⓐ because he led marches
 - Ⓑ because he was president of the United States
 - Ⓒ because he died at 39 years old
 - Ⓓ because he made the United States more fair for people of every color
11. **Extended Response:** Do you think Martin Luther King Jr. was right to fight to get unfair laws changed? Tell why or why not.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
6. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
7. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
10. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary. Example:
I think Martin Luther King Jr. was right because everyone should be treated fairly.