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

1. Which of the following caused black people to boycott the buses in Montgomery, Alabama?
 - Ⓐ The bus fares were too high for black people to pay.
 - Ⓑ Too many white people were riding the buses.
 - Ⓒ Black people were treated unfairly on the buses.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
2. Read this sentence: *Martin Luther King Jr. fought to **integrate** American society.* What does **integrate** mean?
 - Ⓐ to bring different races of people together
 - Ⓑ to let black people ride different buses than white people
 - Ⓒ to keep different races separate
 - Ⓓ to give some people extra rights
3. Why did local police in the South offer little protection to the Freedom Riders when they were attacked?
 - Ⓐ The police didn't know about the attacks.
 - Ⓑ The police disagreed with the Freedom Riders.
 - Ⓒ The police didn't know who the Freedom Riders were.
 - Ⓓ The police were waiting for help from the U.S. government.
4. Which of the following words best describes Rosa Parks?
 - Ⓐ frightened
 - Ⓑ brave
 - Ⓒ weak
 - Ⓓ excited

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5. The Voting Rights Act was needed because _____.
 - Ⓐ many black people found it almost impossible to register to vote
 - Ⓑ white people in the South wanted all black people to be able to vote
 - Ⓒ President Johnson did not want black people to vote
 - Ⓓ all of the above
6. What are **civil rights**?
 - Ⓐ the right to only associate with those of your race
 - Ⓑ the right to equal legal, social, and economic treatment for all citizens
 - Ⓒ the right to live any way you want
 - Ⓓ the right to treat people of different races differently
7. Which of the following is the main reason the author wrote this book?
 - Ⓐ to explain what Freedom Riders did that broke U.S. laws
 - Ⓑ to explain to readers why Martin Luther King Jr. was a great leader
 - Ⓒ to help black people know how to register to vote
 - Ⓓ all of the above
8. Which of the following happened before the Civil War?
 - Ⓐ Most black people were slaves.
 - Ⓑ Martin Luther King Jr. fought Jim Crow Laws.
 - Ⓒ Martin Luther King Jr. was killed.
 - Ⓓ African Americans were treated equally and fairly.

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9. What did Martin Luther King Jr. learn from Mohandas Gandhi?

- Ⓐ how protest with guns
- Ⓑ when to give up fighting
- Ⓒ how to peacefully refuse to follow unfair laws
- Ⓓ how to organize people in India

10. Why did Martin Luther King Jr. keep working for fairness for black people after the Civil Rights Act passed?

- Ⓐ Martin Luther King Jr. liked to protest and march.
- Ⓑ Many black people were still very poor.
- Ⓒ The Civil Rights Act didn't change any laws.
- Ⓓ Martin Luther King Jr. wanted to be president of the United States.

11. **Extended Response:** Explain in your own words what Martin Luther King Jr.'s "dream" was about.

12. **Extended Response:** Do you think Jim Crow laws were fair? Why or why not?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Martin Luther King Jr.

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓐ Vocabulary
3. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
5. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓑ Vocabulary
7. Ⓑ Author's Purpose
8. Ⓐ Sequence Events
9. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
10. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary but should include the following: *the idea that one day all people of all colors would live peacefully together in equality.*
12. Answers will vary. Example: *No, I do not think they were fair because it wasn't right that black children could not go to the same schools as white children.*