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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Segregation meant that Black people _____.

- ☒ A. were separated from White people in many areas
- B. worked and played together with White people
- C. were not allowed to become ministers
- D. all moved away from Montgomery, Alabama

2. Martin Luther King Jr. was influenced by the work of activist _____.

- ☒ A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Gloria Steinem
- C. Malala Yousafzai
- D. Ta-Nehisi Coates

3. What caused the bus boycott in Montgomery to start?

- A. Martin Luther King Jr. refused to move to the back of a bus and was arrested.
- ☒ B. Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of a bus and was arrested.
- C. Martin Luther King Jr. was told he couldn't ride a bus.
- D. Rosa Parks gave an important speech about unfair laws on buses.

4. What happened during the Montgomery Bus Boycott?

- A. People marched and listened to speeches in Washington, DC.
- B. Martin Luther King Jr. was shot and killed.
- C. Many Black people rode in the front of buses in Montgomery.
- ☒ D. Many Black people refused to ride buses in Montgomery.

5. Rights that everyone should have are called _____.

- A. segregation rights
- ☒ B. civil rights
- C. dream rights
- D. nonviolent rights

6. Which of the following best describes King's role in the Civil Rights Movement?

- A. He suggested that the movement should be more violent.
- ☒ C. He was a leader in the movement.
- B. He only took part in the movement a little bit.
- D. He strongly disagreed with the movement.

7. Which of the following best describes how King wanted to stand up against hate?

- ☒ A. By using nonviolence and peaceful protests
- C. By keeping Black people and White people separate
- B. By using violence and force
- D. By working alone, without the help of others

8. What happened at the March on Washington in 1963?

- A. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus.
- ☒ C. King gave his most famous speech.
- B. King led a boycott of all stores in Washington, DC.
- D. Many black people refused to ride buses.

9. How did the police respond to King's peaceful protests in Birmingham, Alabama?

- A. They peacefully asked him to stop protesting.
- ☒ B. They opened fire hoses on the protesters and brought dogs.
- C. They just ignored King's protests.
- D. They joined the protesters, marching alongside them.

10. Which of the following best describes the "dream" that Martin Luther King Jr. talked about in his speech?

- A. A dream that all children would study hard
- ☒ C. A dream that people of all races would be treated equally
- B. A dream that all people would become ministers
- D. A dream that he would write and give many more speeches