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Martin Luther King Jr. & Leadership - 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. 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.

3. 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.

4. Rights that everyone should have are called

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

5. 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.

6. 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

7. 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.

8. When Martin Luther King Jr. was young, his white friend told him that

- A. he should come over for dinner every day.
- C. his father wanted to learn more about King's family.
- B. he should read and study more.
- ☒ D. his father wouldn't let him play with King anymore.

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

- A. They peacefully asked him to stop protesting.
- C. They just ignored King's protests.
- ☒ B. They opened fire hoses on the protesters and brought dogs.
- 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
- B. a dream that all people would become ministers
- ☒ C. a dream that black and white people would be treated equally
- D. a dream that he would write and give many more speeches