

# Reading Comprehension

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## Quotations of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is famous for his courageous leadership in the fight to end racial segregation in mid 20<sup>th</sup> century America. He advocated civil disobedience, a nonviolent approach to defying the legal system that upheld segregation.

Dr. King is also remembered for his powerful sermons and speeches. This worksheet features a few examples of his words. (The main source of these quotations is [brainyquote.com](http://brainyquote.com).)

Match the quote by Martin Luther King, Jr. with the comment or interpretation below. The first one has been matched for you.

### The words of Martin Luther King, Jr.:

1. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

2. "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

3. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

4. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

5. "Life's most urgent question is: what are you doing for others?"

6. "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

7. "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

A. People should behave in a way that makes life better for their fellow humans.

B. This was clearly Dr. King's belief as he dedicated his life to speaking out against injustice.

C. In this analogy, darkness is to hate as light is to love.

D. Hating others hurts the hater.

E. Believing that one is right is no excuse for being in the wrong.

F. If you agree with this quote, you cannot feel completely safe when others are treated unfairly.

G. Behavior, not skin color, tells us what we should think of a person.

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