

Essay Questions

1. How did King's relationship to the Johnson Administration differ from his relationship to the Kennedy Administration?

2. Toward what audience did King direct his "I Have a Dream" speech? How is this clear from the speech's language?

3. Characterize King's relationship to other leaders and organizations of the Civil Rights Movement.

4. Why was the church an important part of King's work as an activist? What did he gain by working with and through it?

5. What aspects of King's life are emphasized in mainstream America's remembrance of him?

6. If King had not been assassinated, what campaigns might he have organized in the 1970s and 1980s? Would the Civil Rights Movement perhaps fared differently during these years, or, after the victories of the sixties, was deceleration inevitable?

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7. If King were alive today, how would he have responded to the Jena 6 Case and Hurricane Katrina disaster?

8. What would King say if he attended an immigration rally today?

