

**READING QUESTIONS: LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL**

1. MLK is in Birmingham City Jail. He is writing a letter explaining why he is in Birmingham in the first place. There is a ton of injustice going on.
2. Injustice and white power have left the negro community with no alternative structure. A lot of non-violent protest for injustice and other issues in America.
3. To explain why he is in Birmingham doing nonviolent protests. Also, talk about the issues in America the blacks are going through. His letter was intended for the Black Community and the angry people in Birmingham. His overall audience I feel is the white community.
4. The point he was trying to get across was black people should resist injustice everywhere with nonviolent ways.
5. 5 main points were:
  - Hatred and violence have no sanction in our religious and political traditions
  - Laws may be tested in courts or changed by legislatures, but not ignored by whims of individuals
  - No person's freedom is safe unless every person's freedom is equally protected
  - There may be disagreement concerning laws and social change without advocating defiance, anarchy, and subversion
  - Freedom of speech must at all costs be preserved and exercised without fear of recrimination or harassment