

1. What was the situation in Birmingham in 1963?

The situation in Birmingham, was that the blacks were getting treated unequally and their rights were not. “ In dealing with racial problems in Alabama”.

2. What was happening in America and in the south in 1963?

In 1963 through America and the South segregation was being seen, racism was also happening.

3. Why did King write his letter? Who was his first intended audience? His overall audience?

Martin Luther King wrote in his letter to the eight clergymen to respond to their letter that was written to him and talk about how unequal and mistreatment was in the city of Birmingham . He also wrote about what was happening and what should be happening, he was comparing the situation to other situations in the past. His first intended audience was the clergymen but then his overall audience became the white men and anyone who supported racism or even segregation.

4. What point was King trying to prove?

The Point Martin was trying to prove was that African Americans should not have to live the way they were. He expressed that changes need to be made and equality needed to be set. Because the same way the white people were being treated the african americans should be too because we are no different we all are people.

5. What were 5 main points outlined in the clergymen’s public statement?

- Martin is an outsider.
- Martin and his followers should negotiate for change.
- Martin's actions are Untimely.
- There is no justification for breaking laws.
- They wanted the city of Birmingham’s own negro community to withdraw support from Martin’s demonstrations. But not only that to unite locally in working peacefully for a better Birmingham.