

CENTRAL IDEAS & KEY DETAILS

For use with "MLK 50 Years Later" on p. 16 of the magazine

Organizing Ideas

Tracking central ideas and key details can help you navigate the complexity of a nonfiction text. After reading "MLK 50 Years Later," fill in the blank sections below to provide a full picture of the information presented in the article.

Issues MLK fought for:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

How MLK was treated because of his views:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Groups that MLK would likely support today:

1. _____
2. _____

ON YOUR OWN: From 1954 to 1968, MLK's advocacy helped change many societal norms in the U.S. through the passage of new laws and Supreme Court decisions. But despite his successes, some things haven't changed much in the 50 years since he was killed. Using information from the article as well as your own outside research, write about what you believe is the biggest problem facing U.S. society today. How do you believe this problem might be addressed in order to encourage positive change over time?