

**QUIZ**

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

## MLK 50 Years Later

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions. For the analysis section, refer to the article as needed.

**CHECK COMPREHENSION**

**1. The Civil Rights Act of 1964**

- a banned discrimination in workplaces and places of public accommodation.
- b made segregation in public schools illegal for the first time.
- c guaranteed African-American men the right to vote.
- d all of the above

**2. What career did Martin Luther King Jr. prepare for?**

- a attorney
- b minister
- c lawmaker
- d journalist

**3. According to the article, what pivotal event propelled King into the national limelight for the first time?**

- a the March on Washington
- b the Vietnam War
- c passage of the Fair Housing Act
- d the Montgomery bus boycott

**4. According to the article, literacy tests were often used prior to 1965 to**

- a prevent African-Americans from registering to vote.
- b justify segregation in public schools.
- c establish the "separate but equal" doctrine.
- d raise awareness about poverty among African-Americans.

**ANALYZE THE TEXT**

**5. In paragraph 1 of the section "Before the Dream," the word *systematically* most nearly means**

- a unfairly.
- b surprisingly.
- c done according to a plan or rules.
- d done in an illegal fashion.

**6. Based on the article, which word best describes King in the 1960s?**

- a revered
- b determined
- c inexperienced
- d hostile

**7. Which excerpt from the article best supports the answer to question 6?**

- a "King's work helped pave the way for many important African-American firsts . . ."
- b "... King was a target of those who opposed the movement."
- c "Many young people thought his methods were too passive . . ."
- d "Still, King continued to speak out, even taking a stand in 1967 against U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War . . ."

**8. When King said "What good is having the right to sit at a lunch counter if you can't afford to buy a hamburger?," he was emphasizing the need to**

- a begin fighting against segregation.
- b improve nutrition.
- c elect black lawmakers.
- d combat poverty.

**IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS** Please use the other side of this paper for your responses.

**9. Why do you think King was such a controversial figure in the 1950s and '60s?**

**10. What do you believe was King's most important achievement? Why?**