

AP US Government and Politics
Letter from a Birmingham Jail Activity

Name _____ Pd _____ Date _____

Part I - Content Questions

1. List the Four Basic Steps of a nonviolent campaign and explain how each was carried out prior to the Good Friday Demonstration
2. How does Dr. King define just and unjust laws? What are his thoughts on breaking or upholding laws?
3. How does he distinguish between nonviolent and violent protest?
4. What consequences does he predict if the nonviolent protests of this movement are dismissed?

Part II - Connection/Thought Questions

1. Which Foundational Document is Letter from a Birmingham Jail most like? Explain your choice
2. Explain how a document written in 1963 - 200 years after the French and Indian War - be considered "Foundational"
3. What Constitutional Provision will drive all Civil Rights Movements? Explain your choice