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Powerful Words In Context Answer Key

Matches

1 → D (Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933, Great Depression)

2 → A (Patrick Henry, 1775, Revolutionary War context)

3 → B (Martin Luther King Jr., 1963, Civil Rights Movement)

4 → C (Winston Churchill, 1940, World War II)

Question 1 (Sample Answer): The context explains the urgency and meaning of the words. Without knowing the Revolutionary War, Patrick Henry's cry for liberty loses its force. Without the Civil Rights struggle, King's dream might be read as abstract instead of a direct challenge to segregation. Context makes the words come alive.

Question 2 (Sample Answer): Many answers are possible. For example, King's "I have a dream" continues to inspire modern movements for equality. Churchill's call to "never surrender" can encourage perseverance in any crisis.

Teacher Note: Encourage students to recognize that words are shaped by their historical moment, but also that timeless themes like freedom, justice, and perseverance make them meaningful across eras.