

Dr. King's Six Principles Answer Key

Strong responses should:

- Accurately explain one of the six principles in **modern, personal language**.
- Provide at least one **realistic example or scenario** (e.g., resolving conflicts peacefully, standing up for fairness without harm).
- Reflect **moral insight**-an understanding that nonviolence is about courage, compassion, and justice.
- Use **clear sentences and reflective tone** appropriate to the student's grade level.

Teacher's Guide

- Begin with a class discussion about what "nonviolence" means and examples from history or daily life.
- Read each principle aloud and invite quick student reactions before the writing task.
- Model how to turn an abstract idea (like "choose love instead of hate") into a concrete example (like helping others instead of seeking revenge).

Differentiation:

- *Grades 7-8:* Provide sentence starters (e.g., "This principle means that...").
- *Grades 9-10:* Ask students to connect a principle to a current event or news story.
- *Grades 11-12:* Challenge students to evaluate how Dr. King's philosophy could address issues like online hate, inequality, or civic division.

Extension Ideas:

- Encourage students to write a **"Nonviolence Action Plan"**-a one-page outline of how they could live out one principle in their daily life.
- Combine the lesson with a study of **global peace leaders** who shared similar beliefs, such as Mahatma Gandhi or Nelson Mandela.
- End with a **class reflection circle**, where students share one sentence beginning with, "I can show nonviolence by..."