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Debate: Peaceful Protest

Directions: You will take part in a respectful classroom debate inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s belief in peaceful dialogue and understanding. Read the debate topic below, prepare your argument, and use evidence, empathy, and logic to express your viewpoint. Listen carefully to others and respond respectfully.

Debate Topic: *"Does peaceful protest remain the most effective way to create social change in today's world?"*

Before the debate, take time to organize your ideas using the prompts below.

1. State Your Position: Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Write one strong sentence expressing your stance.

2. Support Your Position: List two or three reasons why you believe your position is valid. Include examples from history, current events, or personal experience.

3. Anticipate Opposing Views: What might someone who disagrees with you say? How will you respectfully respond?

4. Connect to Dr. King: How does your argument reflect or challenge one of Dr. King's beliefs about justice, peace, or equality?

After the debate, reflect in writing: *How did you feel sharing your ideas? Did you learn something new from someone with a different opinion?*