

Letters Of Conscience Answer Key

Sample Response

Paraphrase: Dr. King means that when injustice happens anywhere, it puts everyone's rights in danger because all people are connected. He is saying that it's everyone's moral duty to take action when others are treated unfairly.

Reflection Answers (Examples):

1. Ignoring injustice allows unfairness to spread and weakens justice for everyone.
2. It shows that people's lives and freedoms are linked-what happens to one affects all.
3. Examples may include global protests for equality, climate action, or movements against discrimination.

Teacher's Guide

- **Objective:** Develop students' paraphrasing, critical thinking, and moral reasoning skills through analysis of Dr. King's central message about shared responsibility and justice.
- **Engagement Tips:**
 - Begin with a short discussion: "What does it mean to have a moral responsibility?"
 - Read the excerpt aloud slowly, pausing for students to highlight or underline key phrases.
 - Encourage students to share different paraphrases and discuss how wording can change tone or emphasis.
- **Differentiation:**
 - **Support:** Provide sentence starters such as "Dr. King believes that..." or "He is saying people should..."
 - **Challenge:** Ask advanced students to connect this excerpt to another Civil Rights text or event, such as the March on Washington.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Have students write a short modern "Letter for Justice" inspired by Dr. King's tone and message.
 - Facilitate a class discussion comparing Dr. King's words to current global justice issues.
 - Integrate ELA by exploring metaphor and imagery in "garment of destiny" and how it strengthens his argument.