

# Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

Martin's Big Words  
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**Directions:**

Use what you know about *Martin's Big Words* to answer each of the following questions.

1. Which of these is a key detail to understanding why we read about Martin's life?

- A Martin used big words.
- B Rosa Parks was arrested.
- C Martin believed in love and working together, not hate.
- D He was born on January 15, 1929.

2. Which graphic organizer would be best to keep track of the main ideas in this book?

- A A timeline to put events in order
- B A map to show locations
- C A web to help us describe
- D A Venn diagram to compare and contrast

3. How did the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. effect people today?

- A He became a minister.
- B He died.
- C He taught us that anger solves problems.
- D His words helped to end segregation so all people would be treated equally.

4. A key is an object that unlocks a door. How does the meaning of "key" change when Martin said, "Love is the key to the problems of the world"?

- A Martin meant there was a magical key that would help.
- B Martin meant love was the key to the problems of the world.
- C He meant that love is the key to the problems of the world.
- D He meant that there was a key to the problems of the world.

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One question for each Reading  
Informational OR Reading Literature  
standard (1-9)



5. What does the author do to Dr. Martin Luther King's important words in the text? (RI.2.5)

- A The author put them in a glossary.
- B The author made them larger and in color.
- C Doreen Rappaport made his words smaller.
- D She used them as headings in the Table of Contents.

6. What was the author's intent in writing about Martin's life this way? (RI.2.6)

- A She wanted to describe his childhood.
- B She wanted to explain how he helped Rosa Parks.
- C She wanted to entertain you with a good story.
- D She explained the power of his words, hoping we will help keep them alive.

7. What conclusion can you draw by looking at the illustration of Martin giving a speech? (RI.2.7)

- A He was a powerful and inspiring speaker.
- B He was very shy.
- C He did not like the American flag.
- D He was trying to convince people to fight.

8. How were Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi alike in their thinking? (RI.2.9)

- A They both believed hate could drive out hate.
- B Martin was American and Gandhi was Indian.
- C They both believed you could get freedom without hurting anyone (violence).
- D They both gave up easily.

9. How is this informational text different from a fictional story? (RI.2.10)

- A This text tells facts about what Martin really said; it is not make-believe.
- B They are not different.
- C This book is not true; it is make-believe.
- D Both texts are written in order.

Answer Key

