



Study Questions: Letter from Birmingham City Jail.

1. What is Dr. King's purpose for writing this letter?
2. How does King view the connection between communities and states?
3. What are the four steps of a non-violent direct action campaign?
4. Why does King *want* to create "tension" through direct action?
5. What does King have to say about the city of Birmingham—what are conditions like there for African Americans and what steps had civil rights leaders tried to take to alleviate the problems? What resulted from those steps?
6. How does King reply to the notion that African Americans should "wait" for social justice?
7. How does King describe the effects of segregation on children and families?
8. How does King describe the difference between just and unjust laws?