"Nonviolence: The Only Road to Freedom": Martin Luther King, Jr.

Document Analysis

**Important Phrases:** Which are the most powerful phrases in the speech? Choose three phrases.

Phrase 1: ____________________________________________________________

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

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Phrase 2: __________________________________________________________

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Phrase 3: __________________________________________________________

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Critical Thinking Questions: Examples from the text must be cited in answering these questions.

1. What does Dr. King say the nonviolent movement is offering?

2. What is Dr. King’s view on using violence in self-defense?

3. Why does Dr. King find it “amusing to me when a Negro man says that he can’t demonstrate with us because if someone hit him he would fight back”?

4. How does Dr. King propose that we “put an end to the chain of violence”?

5. How does Dr. King explain that violence will not achieve the goals of the civil rights movement?