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Reading Guide for “A Letter from A Birmingham Jail” by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Section 1**

Paragraph 1:

Why is he writing this response?

How does he address the authors of “Call for Unity”?

Paragraph 2:

Write a 10 word summary of this paragraph.

Which vocabulary term matches most closely with this type of paragraph?

Paragraph 3:

Why does he include all of these biblical references?

Ethos, logos, and/or pathos? Why?

Paragraph 4:

Why isn’t he an “outsider?”

Paragraph 5: Oh snap! What is his criticism?

Describe his tone.

Ethos, logos, and or pathos? Why?

Paragraph 6-7: What is the purpose for these paragraphs? What does King outline here? Ethos, Logos, and/or Pathos?

Paragraphs 8-9:

Write a brief summary of each

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9:

How does he defend his choice to protest? Does it rely mostly on Ethos, Logos, or Pathos?

Paragraph 10: Write a 10 word summary of this paragraph.

Which vocabulary term matches most closely with this type of paragraph?

Paragraph 11:

10-word summary

Explain why this is a solid example of using Pathos.

In this first section, King focuses on the why and why now behind his current plan. Summarize that here.

**Section 2**

Paragraph 12: What is his basic **counterargument** to the fact that he broke the law?

Why does he include the quote that ends the paragraph?

Paragraph 13: He drops a lot of names here. Why? Ethos, logos, pathos?

Paragraphs 14-16: How are Alabama’s laws unjust? Why bring up voter suppression?

Paragraphs 17-18: What two examples does he use here? Why?

**Section 3**

Paragraphs 19: What are King’s two confessions?

Explain his **logical counterargument** about those who disagree with his goal, but not his methods. Is his logic valid?

Explain his **logical counterargument** about those who disagree believe he should wait. Is his logic valid?

**Section 4**

Paragraphs 22-23: What is he trying to explain here? Is he appealing mainly to ethos, logos, or pathos?

Paragraph 24: Again with the name dropping? What is his point?

Paragraph 25: Summary-*The only whites who get it are the ones who march with us.*

**Section 5**

Paragraph 26-34: Read this quickly and to a brief magnet summary.

Paragraph 35-end: Why is his closing an excellent example of Pathos?