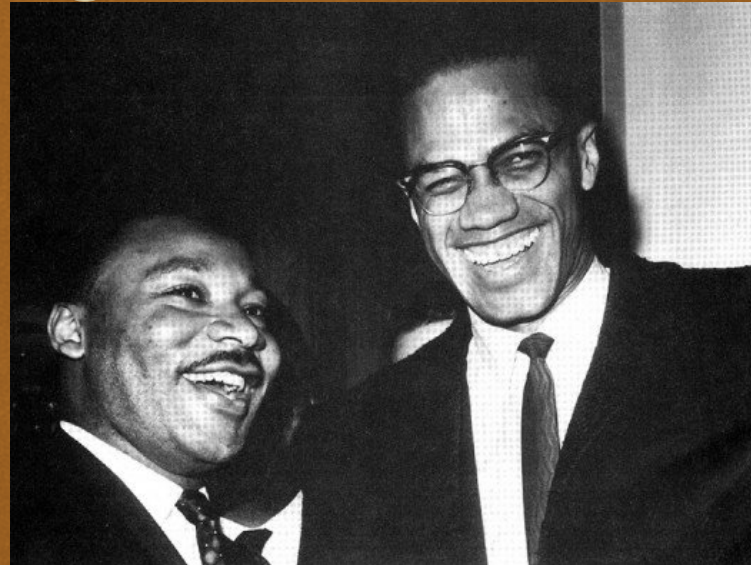
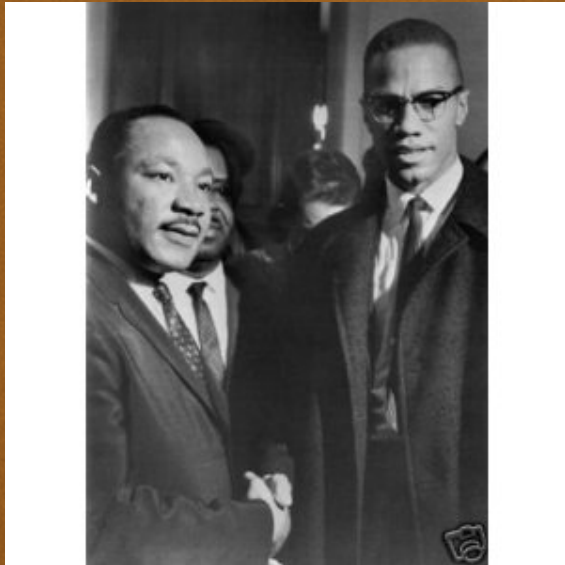


Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X

Same goal, different methods



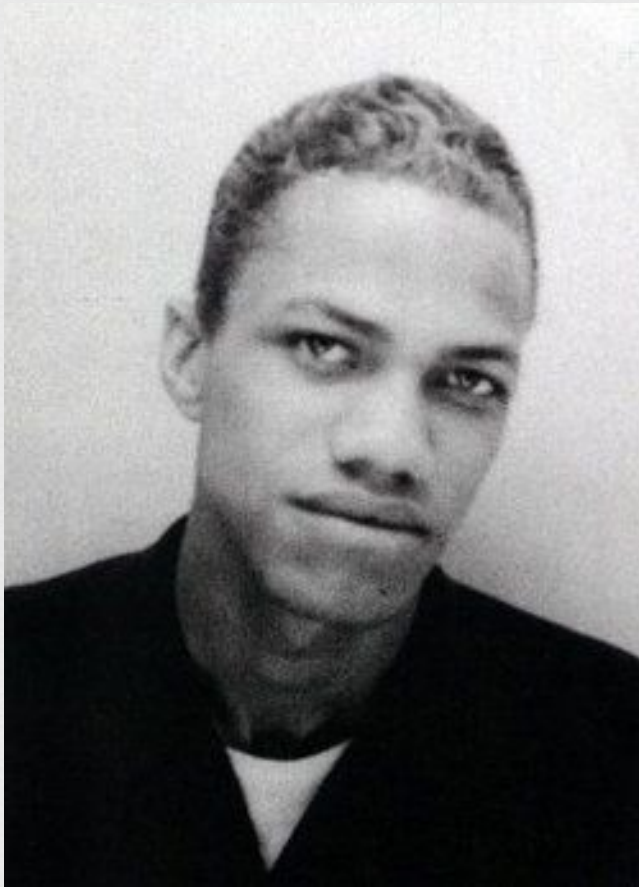
King's Early Life



- ☞ Son of a Baptist minister in Atlanta, GA
- ☞ Attended Morehouse College, earned a Ph.D. from Boston University
- ☞ Became a minister in Montgomery, AL at the age of 24



Malcolm X's Early Life



- ❧ Born Malcolm Little, grew up mostly in Michigan
- ❧ Father was an activist killed by the Ku Klux Klan
- ❧ Dropped out of school, became involved in drugs, gambling, prostitution, etc.
- ❧ Sent to prison for 6 years
- ❧ Converted to Islam in prison
- ❧ Upon release, became a minister in the Nation of Islam

King's Methods

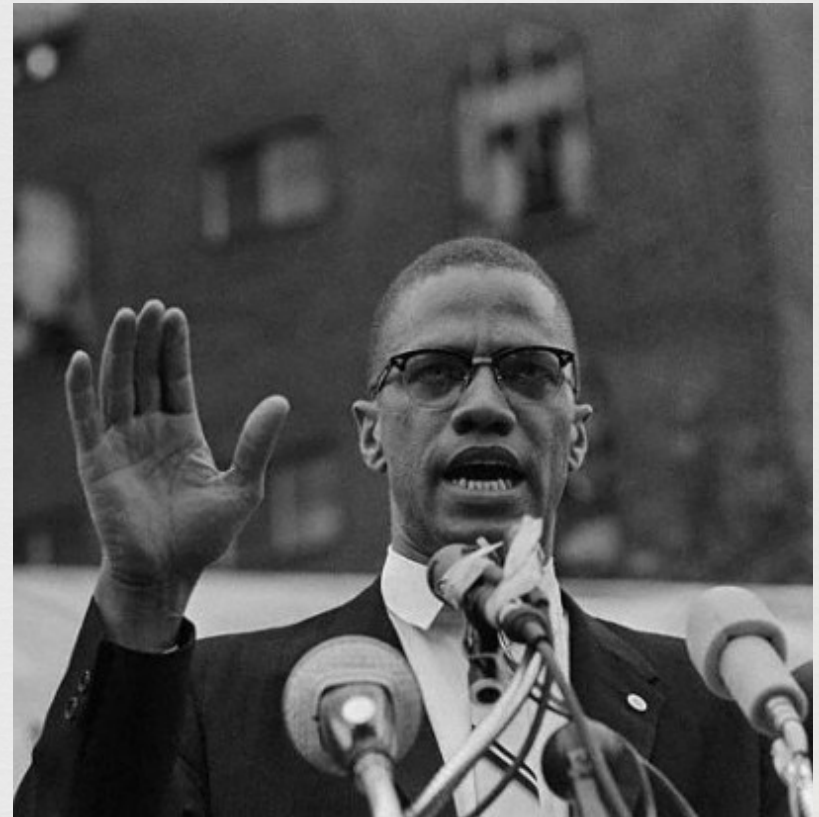


- ⌘ Expose racism and injustice
- ⌘ Attempt negotiation to end injustice
- ⌘ If negotiations fail, use direct action to apply pressure
- ⌘ Means must be pure (non-violent)

Malcolm's Methods



- ❧ Believed African Americans should be economically self-sufficient
- ❧ Believed violence may be necessary to achieve freedom
- ❧ Believed Christianity was part of white culture used to pacify blacks



King's Movement



- ❧ Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- ❧ Used the moral authority of black churches to protest injustice
- ❧ Used media coverage of demonstrations to expose Jim Crow laws
- ❧ King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964

Malcolm's Movement



- ❧ Nation of Islam
- ❧ Whites were devils who oppressed the black race
- ❧ Advocated political and economic black independence (not integration)
- ❧ After pilgrimage to Mecca, Malcolm left the Nation of Islam; changed his views on blacks and whites



Quotes



King on integration:



I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood.

(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Quotes



Malcolm X on integration:



It's just like when you've got some coffee that's too black, which means it's too strong. What do you do? You integrate it with cream, you make it weak. But if you pour too much cream in it, you won't even know you ever had coffee. It used to be hot, it becomes cool. It used to be strong, it becomes weak. It used to wake you up, now it puts you to sleep.

(Malcolm X)

King on violence:



**"Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence but also internal violence of spirit. You not only refuse to shoot a man, but you refuse to hate him."
Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Malcolm X on violence:



Concerning non-violence: it is criminal to teach a man not to defend himself when he is the constant victim of brutal attacks.

— *Malcolm X* —

AZ QUOTES

Both Assassinated

- ✧ Malcolm X as he was about to give a speech in the Audubon ballroom in New York in February of 1965
- ✧ King outside a motel room in Memphis, Tennessee in April of 1968



As You Read



- ❧ Think about what each says in relation to thinkers we've read previously, especially in relation to:
 - ❧ Anarchy
 - ❧ Majority rule
 - ❧ Breaking the law
 - ❧ The right to revolution
 - ❧ How best to bring about change in society
 - ❧ How to protect individual rights