**Martin Luther King’s Dream and An Interview with Malcolm X**

Directions: Read the “I Have a Dream Speech” and Interview with Malcolm X (found on website) and then answer the questions below.

1. The speech compares the situation of African-Americans in 1863 to their situation in 1963. What are the differences? What are the similarities?

2. King’s speech is a call to action. What kind of action? What do African-Americans want? What kind of action, however, does he warn against? Why?

3. The most quoted sentences of this speech repeat the phrase “I have a dream.” What are the elements of that dream for African Americans in the 1960’s? How does it relate to the “American dream”?

4. King was a Southern Baptist minister. What aspects, themes, images of his speech are representative of Southern religious sermons?

5. Evaluate Malcolm X’s claims not to be anti-white. Why do you think so many rejected his analysis?

6. Analyze Malcolm X’s critique of the civil rights movement. Be sure to read both speeches before you do so.

7. When did he see the use of violence as justifiable?

8. What economic and political changes did he advocate for the black community?