Preview Questions for Large Group Discussions

1. What do you know about non-violent resistance? Have you ever seen news footage of what Martin Luther King Jr. called “non-violent” protests?

2. Why do you think King endorsed “non-violence” when violence against protesters was so commonplace?

3. What did non-violent reactions to police or mob brutality say about the character of protesters? How did this strategy enhance the image of the Civil Rights Movement?

4. What do you know about Malcolm X? What words would you use to characterize him, based on prior knowledge?

5. Do you know of any instances where Malcolm X’s leadership led to violent acts by his followers?