

Questions for Socratic Seminar Monday, April 24

The answers to these questions – on a separate piece of paper or below – will be your “ticket” to participate (and be videotaped!)

1. What does Dr. King want to accomplish with the letter?

he wants to answer questions about his motives. etc. He probably thinks that this might make his enemies agree with him a tiny bit more. Also his friends might become closer to him.

2. How does he distinguish between *just* and *unjust* laws?

Just

“man-made moral code”
uplifts personalities

Un-just

“out of harmony with moral law”
not rooted in natural law
degrades personalities
false sense of seniority

WRONG

difference made evil

inflicted on a minority

3. Why does Dr. King believe that an unjust law must be broken “openly and lovingly, and with a willingness to accept the penalty?”

this expresses the “highest respect
of the law.”