

1. What is MLK's exigence for writing this letter? Support your answer with quotes from the letter.
2. Who is MLK's audience?
3. What is MLK's purpose in writing this letter? Support your answer with quotes from the letter.
4. Analyze three of the metaphors below from the text that support the author's purpose. Be specific in how the comparison makes clear the main idea. Make sure you examine context as well!

"We are caught in an inescapable network of Mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny."

"... the shadow of deep disappointment..."

"We must see the need for nonviolent gadflies to create this kind of tension..."

"...help men rise from the dark depths of prejudice and racism to the majestic heights of understanding an brotherhood."

"...we stiff creep at a horse and buggy pace toward gaining a cup of coffee at a lunch counter."

"...the stinging dart of segregation..."

"...ominous clouds of inferiority beginning to form in her little mental sky..."

"... men are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair."

"...the rabid segregationist..."

"...the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom..."

"like a boil that can never be cured as long as it is covered up but must be opened with all its ugliness to the natural medicines of air and light..."

"...to the light of human consciousness and the air of national opinion..."

"Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability..."

"...lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity."

"...many of the streets of the South, I am sure, would be flowing with blood."

"How we have blemished and scarred that body..."

"In those days the church was not merely a thermometer... It was a thermostat..."

"The paralyzing chains of conformity..."

"they carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment."

"The dark clouds of racial prejudice... fear drenched communities... radiant stars of love..."