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DIVISION 5 – MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE 8

SUBMISSION TYPE: ESSAY

PROMPT

Throughout history, individuals like Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi have shown that nonviolent resistance can be a powerful tool for creating social change. Nonviolent resistance, also known as civil disobedience, is a strategy that seeks to challenge injustice and inequality without resorting to violence. Write an essay that delves into the effectiveness of nonviolent resistance as a means of creating social change. As you write your essay, think about the following:

- **HISTORICAL CONTEXT** – What was the historical context of the movements led by people like Dr. King and Gandhi? What injustices were they aiming to address? What challenges did they face?
- **PRINCIPLES** – What are the core principles of non-violent resistance? How does this create awareness and put pressure on those in power?
- **INSPIRATION** – How do the principles of nonviolent resistance inspire you to take a stand against inequality and foster lasting change?

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3rd Place - \$50

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