**Martin Luther King vs. Malcolm X Compare and Contrast**

**“Nonviolence: The Only Road to Freedom”: Martin Luther King, Jr. Document Analysis**

**Critical Thinking Questions:** Examples from the text must be cited in answering these questions.

1. What does Dr. King say the nonviolent movement is offering?
2. What is Dr. King’s view on using violence in self-defense?
3. Why does Dr. King find it “amusing to me when a Negro man says that he can’t demonstrate with us because if someone hit him he would fight back”?
4. How does Dr. King propose that we “put an end to the chain of violence”?
5. How does Dr. King explain that violence will not achieve the goals of the civil rights movement?

**“The Ballot or the Bullet” Malcolm X Document Analysis**

**Critical Thinking Questions:** Examples from the text must be cited in answering these questions.

1. Why does Malcolm X say that he is not “anti-white”?
2. Why does Malcolm X say that he does not consider himself an American?
3. What does Malcolm X mean when he says “Sitting at the table doesn’t make you a diner, unless you eat some of what’s on that plate.”?
4. Malcolm X says not to “go out and get violent”. Yet, he then says violence is allowable. Why?
5. Why does Malcolm X call Uncle Sam a hypocrite?

**Summary**

Which philosophy do you find more compelling, Martin Luther King’s or Malcolm X’s? Write a paragraph explaining why you chose that philosophy. Your paragraph must be in complete sentences. It must use facts and evidence from the readings to back up your statements.