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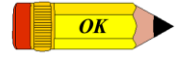
Assignment # _____

Answer the following questions
as you watch the videos.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Assassination Conspiracy?

Video Notes



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1. Where was Martin Luther King Jr. Assassinated?

2. What does the government tell the public?

THEORY #1 - SET UP BY RAUL

3. What two things did Raul tell Ray to in return for travel documents?

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5. Why would Ray's brothers want to kill MLK Jr.?

6. Where were Ray's fingerprints found?

THEORY #3 – GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT

7. Why was the Gault alias noteworthy?

8. Why would have gov't agents known MLK would be on the balcony?

9. What change did the police units make on the day of the assassination?

THEORY #4 – THE GRAND CONSPIRACY (Mob/FBI/Army/Police)

10. What did the waitress, Betty, see?

11. Why did the Army have a problem with Martin Luther King Jr.?

12. In 1997, what conclusion does Dexter (MLK Jr's son) come to?

13. How did the TV Producers damage Pepper's credibility?

THEORY #5 – JAMES EARL RAY IS GUILTY

14. What mistake did Ray make?

15. How does Gerald explain Betty's witness account?

16. How does Gerald explain the cablegram?

CONCLUSIONS

17. What did the 1999 Lloyd Jowers trial conclude?

18. Which theory do you find most convincing?

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Martin Luther King Jr.

Assassination Conspiracy?

Video Notes

1. Where was Martin Luther King Jr. Assassinated? **ON THE BALCONY OF THE LORAIN MOTEL**
2. What does the government tell the public? **IT WAS A LONE GUNMAN – JAMES EARL RAY**
THEORY #1 - SET UP BY RAUL
3. What two things did Raul tell Ray to do in return for travel documents? **PURCHASE A RIFLE AND LEAVE IT IN A ROOMING HOUSE**
4. The FBI wanted King to leave the movement, did Blake find evidence of FBI involvement? **NO**
THEORY #2 – THE RACIST CABAL
5. Why would Ray’s brothers want to kill MLK Jr.? **THERE WAS A 50,000 BOUNTY ON KING’S HEAD**
6. Where were Ray’s fingerprints found? **ON THE GUN, BUT NOT IN THE BATHROOM**
THEORY #3 – GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT
7. Why was the Gault alias noteworthy? **HE WAS ABLE TO FORGE HIS SIGNATURE WELL**
8. Why would have gov’t agents known MLK would be on the balcony? **THEY WIRETAPED HIS ROOM**
9. What change did the police units make on the day of the assassination? **THEY PULLED BACK TO ½ MILE AWAY**

THEORY #4 – THE GRAND CONSPIRACY (Mob/FBI/Army/Police)

10. What did the waitress, Betty, see? **HER BOSS RUN IN WITH A SMOKING RIFLE**
11. Why did the Army have a problem with Martin Luther King Jr.? **HE WAS TRYING TO LINK THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**
12. In 1997, what conclusion does Dexter (MLK Jr’s son) come to? **THAT RAY WAS INNOCENT**
13. How did the TV Producers damage Pepper’s credibility? **THEY FOUND THE UNIT COMMANDER PEPPER CLAIMED WAS DEAD AND SURPRISED PEPPER DURING THE INTERVIEW.**

THEORY #5 – JAMES EARL RAY IS GUILTY

14. What mistake did Ray make? **HE LEFT THE GUN IN A DOORWAY**
15. How does Gerald explain Betty’s witness account? **SHE LIED TO GET MONEY FOR A BOOK DEAL**
16. How does Gerald explain the cablegram? **HE BELIEVES IT IS A FORGERY**

CONCLUSIONS

17. What did the 1999 Lloyd Jowers trial conclude? **THAT LLOYD SHOT KING AND THERE MAY HAVE BEEN GOVERNMENT/MOB CONSPIRACY/INVOLVEMENT**
18. Which theory do you find most convincing? **ANSWERED WILL VARY/STUDENT OPINION**

Grading: 3pts = All answered| 2pts = 9-18 answered| 1pt = 1-8 answered| 0pts if 0 answered|