An inference is a conclusion you come to based on reasoning and evidence within a text. Making an inference requires using both information from the text and your background knowledge.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. - A Brave Leader**

Martin Luther King was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929. His father was a minister and his mother was a teacher. King was a studious individual and, as a result, graduated from high school at the young age of 15 years old. Continuing his education, he attended Morehouse College and Crozer Theological Seminary.

King worked as a pastor in Montgomery, Alabama, for five years, but he left this job in order to dedicate his time to the civil rights cause. African Americans were treated unfairly, forced to attend separate and unequal schools, required to sit in the back of buses, and were prohibited from using the same drinking fountains as white people. In 1955, an African American woman by the name of Rosa Parks disobeyed a bus driver who ordered her to give her seat to a white passenger. She was arrested and taken to jail.

King spoke out against this particular injustice by organizing the Montgomery Bus Boycott. As a result, he was arrested and jailed, his home was bombed, and his life was threatened. None of this stopped him from continuing with his nonviolent protest. Ultimately, it was the Montgomery Bus Boycott that helped end segregation on public transportation.

**Defining Key Vocabulary**

Directions: Look up the definition for each key term listed below and write it on the answer line.

- **studious:**
- **dedicate:**
- **civil rights:**
- **prohibited:**
- **injustice:**
- **nonviolent:**
- **segregation:**
## Making Inferences

### Courageous Leaders Part 1

Directions: Complete the chart by either writing a quote from the text or an inference you can make.

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<td>King wanted people of all races to be treated fairly and to be able to live together in peace.</td>
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<td>King felt strongly about speaking out in a peaceful manner.</td>
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