

A Journalist's Report: The Better Vision for Black Americans

Student Name _____ Date _____

Writing Your Newspaper Column

Directions: Incorporate all of the following guidelines into your newspaper article:

(a) An introductory paragraph or two, including general statements and a few specific details about conditions facing black Americans (use notes taken from the website of the National Park Service);

(b) A paragraph assessing the strengths and weaknesses of Malcolm X's vision of a separate nation for black Americans;

(c) A paragraph assessing the strengths and weaknesses of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision of "the beloved community," in which the peaceful integration of black and white Americans into one society occurs;

(d) The writer's judgment of the two visions: Which one offers the better solution to the needs and problems confronted by the black community?

(e) Justification of the choice: Why is this vision better? Give three or four reasons supporting this claim.