

1. Why does King say the Emancipation Proclamation “came as a great beacon light of hope?” in the first paragraph?
2. What was King referring to when he said, “the long night of their captivity” in paragraph one?
3. What is King referring to when he talks about the “chains of discrimination” in the second paragraph?
4. In the third and fourth paragraphs, King uses banking terms as metaphors to describe the impact of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. What is the meaning of this figurative language?
5. Pick one of the paragraphs and paraphrase it in your own words below.