**Comparing and Contrasting a film to real events**

**Directions:** Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper in **complete sentences.**

1. How did Dr. King's leadership benefit Americans who were not black?
2. Marin Luther King Jr believed in a nonviolent approach to demonstrations. He even stood there and watched while his supporters were beat and arrested. **Why do you think he believed in this nonviolent approach? Do you think it was more beneficial to take this approach rather than a violent one? Why or why not?**
3. Why was the brutal Sheriff Jim Clark valuable to Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement while the more restrained Police Chief of Albany, Georgia, Laurie Pritchet (who ordered his officers to arrest demonstrators gently and without hurting them) a danger to the Civil Rights Movement?
4. Was the writer/director Ava Duvernay justified in omitting the collaboration between President Johnson and Dr. King in securing passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act because, as an African American, she didn't want to make a white-savior movie? Explain your reasons.
5. Ever since he moved into a leadership position in the Civil Rights Movement in 1954, Dr. King received frequent death threats and expected to be assassinated. The night before he was killed, he talked about his possible death in a speech. This was a time in America, after the assassination of President Kennedy, when death was a real threat to national leaders. **Why did Dr. King persevere in light of the threats on his life?**

**Comparison of historical “Selma” speech compared to film “Selma” speech**

You are already aware the film Selma didn’t have the copyrights to use the actual Selma speech that Dr. King gave after the march to Montgomery. You have read and listened to Dr. King give his famous “Selma” speech. You have also listened to and watched Dr. King give the same speech in the movie Selma. Now you are going to compare and contrast the two speeches to one another.

**Your job is to:**

* Pull our at least three similarities and at least three differences.
* Write a three paragraph essay discussing the similarities and differences between the two speeches.

Your essay should have an **introduction that introduces the two speeches and paper; one paragraph discussing the similarities and differences;** and **one paragraph discussing the differences.**

**Introduction: (5-7 sentences)**

* Begin with a sentence introducing the speech (1-2 sentences)
* An overview about what you will be discussing in your paper (1-2 sentences)
* End with your thesis statement (what your paper will be about🡪 1 sentence)

**Second paragraph: (5-7 sentences)**

* Discuss the similarities between the actual speech and the film’s speech.
* State the similarities and then give textual evidence from each speech to show these similarities

**Thirds paragraph: (5-7 sentences)**

* Discuss the differences between the actual speech and the film’s speech.
* State the differences and then give textual evidence from each speech to show these differences