

## “In Your Own Words” Student Organizer

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### Part I: The Quotations

#### Quotation 1:

“An individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for the law”

— *Martin Luther King Jr.*

What does the quotation mean? Rewrite the quotation in your own words:

#### Quotation 2:

“It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that's important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.”

— *Mahatma Gandhi*

What does the quotation mean? Rewrite the quotation in your own words:

**Quotation 3:**

“In order for us as poor and oppressed people to become part of a society that is meaningful, the system under which we now exist has to be radically changed. This means that we are going to have to learn to think in radical terms. I use the term radical in its original meaning--getting down to and understanding the root cause. It means facing a system that does not lend itself to your needs and devising means by which you change that system.”  
- *Ella Baker*

What does the quotation mean? Rewrite the quotation in your own words:

**Part II:**

**What do the three quotations above have in common?**