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Martin Luther King Jr., as a leader of the Civil Rights movement, existed not as an anomaly of leadership, but rather as a person whose actions were the result of an evolving history of civil rights leadership throughout the world. In his biography of Martin Luther King, Jr., Stephen Oates suggests that King’s actions in the Civil Rights movement were influenced by King’s early study of Mahatma Gandhi (132-134). That biography explains, “While earning his doctorate in theology, King had studied Gandhi’s efforts” (132). In particular, King was impressed by Gandhi’s understanding of purposeful suffering, and King took strength in Gandhi’s words, "Through our pain we will make them see their injustice" (qtd. in “Martin Luther King”). This was confirmed by Coretta Scott King when she reflected back on her husband’s life (Legacy of a Dream). Martin Luther King Jr. also studied the actions of early leaders such as Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Dubois (Oates 150). The voices of those leaders resonate in King’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail”:  

I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. (King 85 – 86)

King’s words in that section reach back to a demand for an inherent right to justice, and a plea for shared accountability that evolved from movements at the turn of the century in the U.S. and later in India (Dubois 95; Gandhi 133; Washington 20). Nonetheless, King’s own voice in phrases such as “tied in a single garment of destiny” (86) shows the unique and theological tone that would become the hallmark of his public persona.
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Williams, Joan. E-mail interview. 25 June 2010.

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