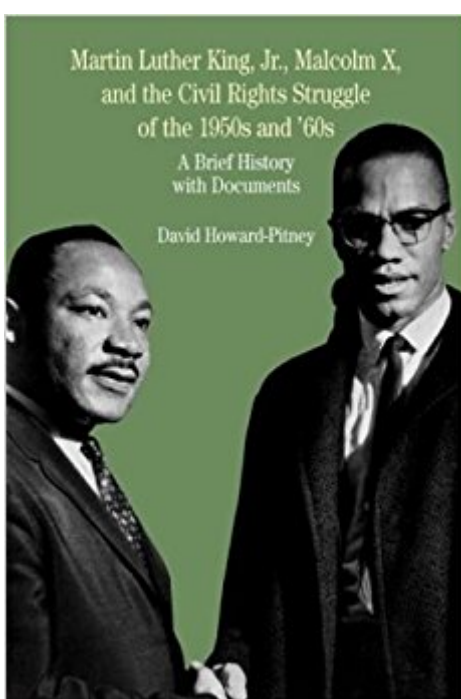


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# Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, And The Civil Rights Struggle Of The 1950s And 1960s: A Brief History With Documents (Bedford Cultural Editions Series)



## Synopsis

The civil rights movement's most prominent leaders, Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968) and Malcolm X (1925–1965), represent two wings of the revolt against racism: nonviolent resistance and revolution "by any means necessary." This volume presents the two leaders' relationship to the civil rights movement beyond a simplified dualism. A rich selection of speeches, essays, and excerpts from Malcolm X's autobiography and King's sermons shows the breadth and range of each man's philosophy, demonstrating their differences, similarities, and evolution over time. Organized into six topical groups, the documents allow students to compare the leaders' views on subjects including integration, the American dream, means of struggle, and opposing racial philosophies. An interpretive introductory essay, chronology, selected bibliography, document headnotes, and questions for consideration provide further pedagogical support.

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This book presents the differences between arguably the two most famous civil rights activists of the fifties and sixties, as well as showing the convergence between their ideas and ideals toward the end of their respective lives. It is readable, succinct and thorough. I highly recommend this book, especially to anyone who will be teaching this period in history to middle or high school students.

Martin Luther King was not only the most important figure in American religious history in the 20th century, he was arguably its most brilliant polemicist. Malcolm X came closer than any social

reformer in history to embodying and articulating the totality of the African experience in America. Pitney-Howard's immaculately documented study comes closest to a balanced and accurate portrait of their relationship as leaders and seekers of justice on both the existential (personal) and universal (as world teachers) levels. With a well-organized and comprehensive selection of their most significant statements, we have an unsurpassed teaching tool for this most signal moment in the history of ideas and social dialog. Further, the book is svelte, inexpensive, and accessible to for the majority of undergraduate level students. An incredibly valuable effort here, both within and beyond the classroom, an integral part of my critical thinking courses, which blessedly focuses on the crucial last years in the lives of these larger than life, but quintessentially human figures.

This book really gave me a good understanding of the core differences between X and King, I did not know 97% of what I read prior, and it was delivered in a way that made it an easy and highly enjoyable read! I see now how different they were and yet like velvet on a steel fist one served the other well. spoiler alert:... sad endings.

This book includes very interesting information and explain in depth point of view of the two different civil right leaders and explain how they were both essential character for success, this book also shows the importance of religion and churches during the civil right movement and some great speeches from Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. This book is very accessible and goes directly to the essential informations. I loved it !

The book gives an in-depth look at the differences in MLK's and Malcolm X's philosophy in their earlier years, but also focuses on the convergence of their ideas in their latter years up until the point of their murders.

The author's organization of the information he had was solid. Having to read this book as an over-worked college student, it was difficult to get through. I found the reversal of attitudes and roles between the two men intriguing. If you're a big civil rights buff or want to know more about these two figure heads, this is the book. If you're looking for something to assign to your honors level students... well, not so much :) (we read this book after Anne Moody's Coming of Age in Mississippi, the contrast is what ruined it for me I think.)

The authors of this text did an excellent job in comparing and contrasting Dr. King and Malcolm X. The text used many letters from both leaders, and showed how their ideals evolved throughout their lives.

Great entry into two important American thinkers and a tumultuous part of American history. Also, a great resource for undergraduate-level research.

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