

Prompt for Grades 9-12: On April 4, 1967, at Riverside Church in New York, Martin Luther King made perhaps the most controversial speech of his whole career, *Beyond Vietnam*. (1) Read Dr. King's April 4th speech and write about the reasons he was so deeply troubled by U.S. involvement in Vietnam. (2) Why did his opposition to the Vietnam Conflict anger so many people, black and white, who had supported him in the Civil Rights Movement?

Note: This past April 4 was the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's speech on the Vietnam Conflict. The same day next year, April 4, 2018, will be the 50th anniversary of his assassination in Memphis.



