**Analysis activity 12.4: Martin Luther king summarises the boycott**

Martin Luther King effectively summarised how important the boycott was to the African-American community in a speech in 1956. He said:

*… There comes a time when people get tired of being trampled … by … oppression. There comes a time … when people get tired of being plunged across the abyss of exploitation [and] nagging despair. The story of Montgomery is the story of fifty thousand Negroes who are willing to substitute tired feet for tired souls, and walk until the walls of injustice are crushed by the battering rams of historical necessity.*

1. In King’s words, list two things that people were tired of.

1. Explain what you think King meant in your own words.

1. How did King explain the bus boycott?

1. Summarise the boycott in your own words.