CLOSE VIEW OF THE FILM

CLIP 2: “MORE THAN A TACTIC” NOTE CATCHER

What did you see?

- Give a short description of the events represented in the clip.
- What reasons are given for the Watts riots?
- What role did Dr. King play when he went to Los Angeles during the riots?

What did you learn?

- Why do you think the passage of the Voting Rights Act did not stop the Watts riots?
- John Lewis says that Dr. King called the riots the “language of the unheard.” Discuss why you think Dr. King felt compelled to try to quell the riots.
- According to your understanding of the nonviolent nature of the movement, what would the consequence of the riots be to Dr. King’s strategy?