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## Understanding Health Equity

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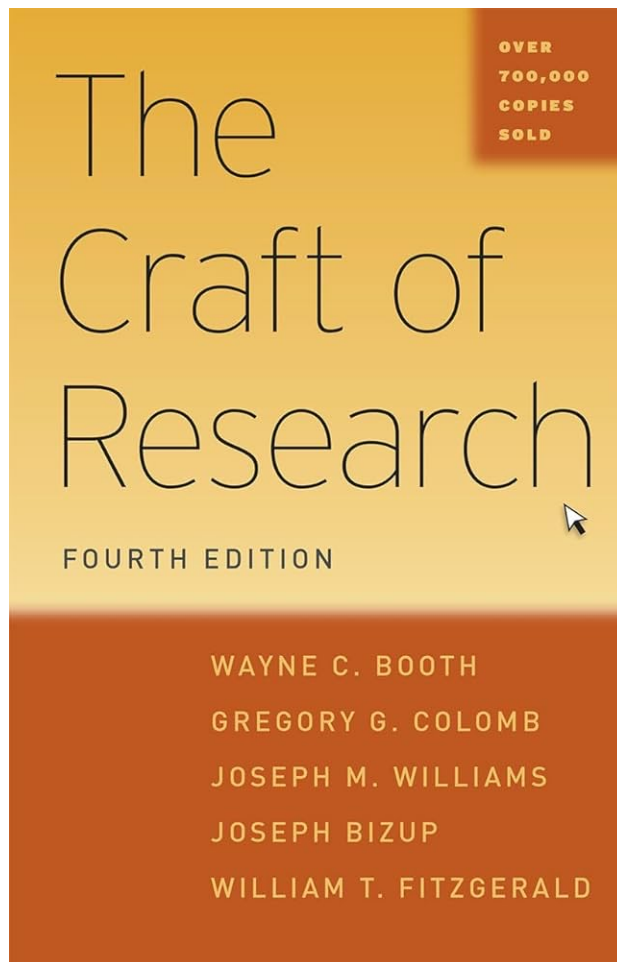
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# Books

First You Read

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**Chapter 1: Thinking in Print**

**Chapter 2: Connecting with Your Reader**

Chapter 3: From Topics to Questions

Chapter 4: From Questions to Problems

Chapter 5: From Problems to Sources

Chapter 6: Engaging Sources

Chapter 7: Making Good Arguments

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# Questions



# Objectives

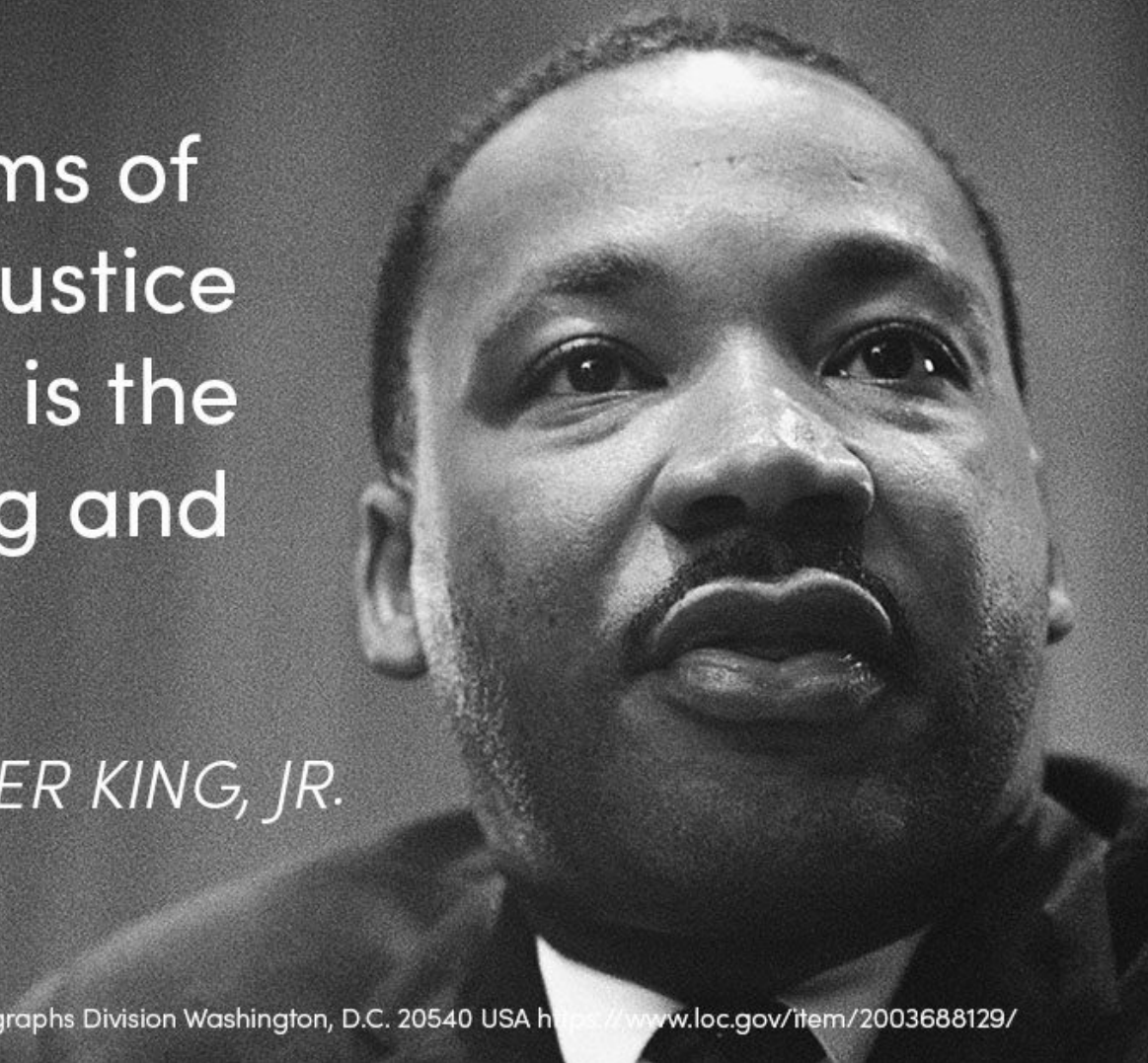
- Define health equity and distinguish it from health equality.
- Understand key social determinants of health (SDOH).
- Recognize examples of health inequity in the U.S.
- Reflect on their role as future healthcare providers.

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## Equity



**Everyone gets the supports they need**  
(this is the concept of "affirmative action"), thus producing equity.

A black and white close-up portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He is looking slightly upwards and to the right with a serious expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

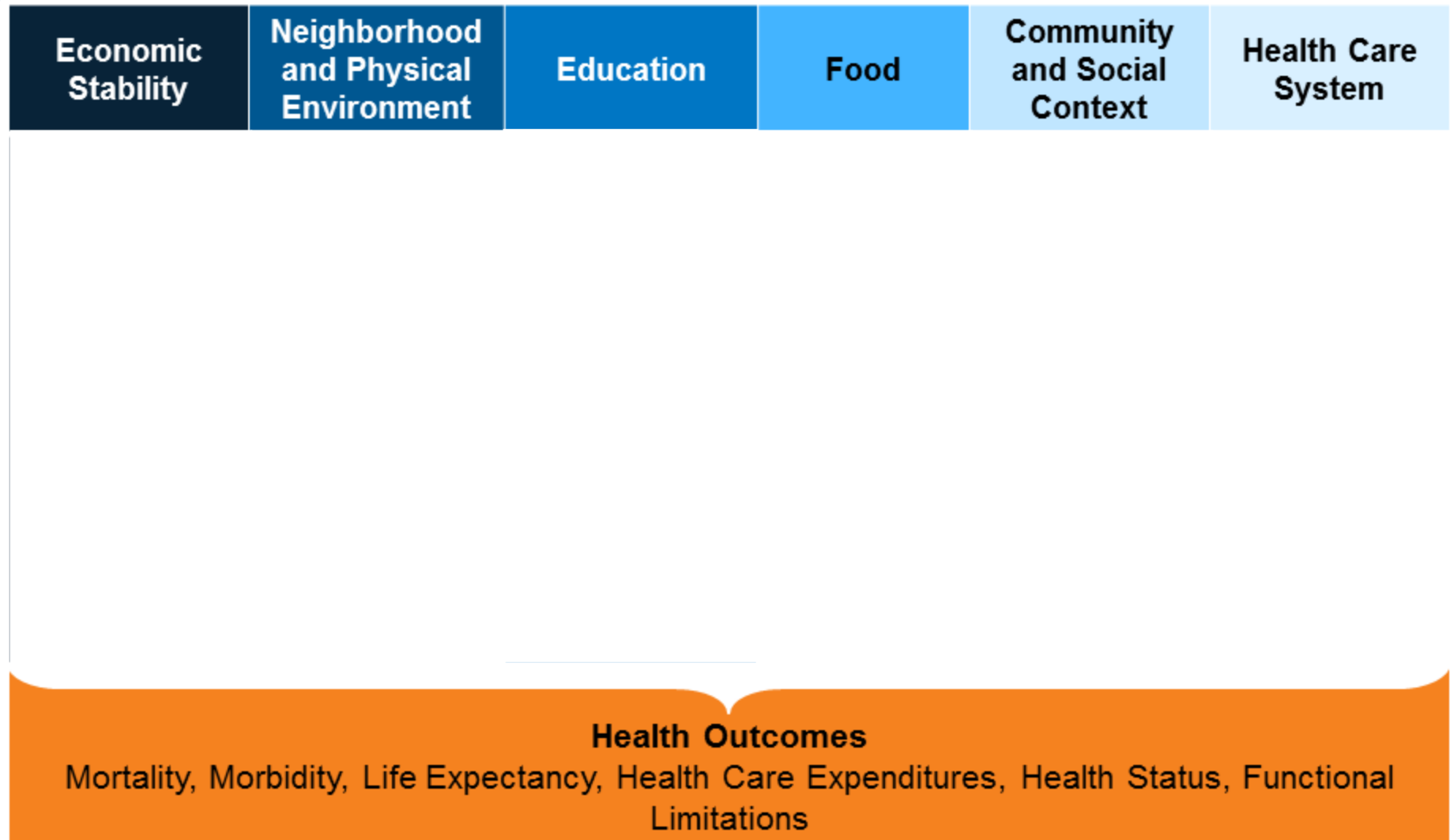
“ Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane. ”

*DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.*

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Figure 1

# Social Determinants of Health



# Equality



The assumption is that **everyone benefits from the same supports.** This is equal treatment.

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# What does “equity” mean to you?

“  
Medicine should be viewed as  
social justice work in a world  
that is so sick and so riven by  
inequities.

- *Dr. Paul Farmer*



# Questions

