

Martin Luther King Jr.

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Glossary

Segregation: separation; keeping people apart Boycott: avoiding as a means of protest Discrimination: unfair treatment because of race, ethnicity, gender, or age Assassinate: kill for political or religious reasons

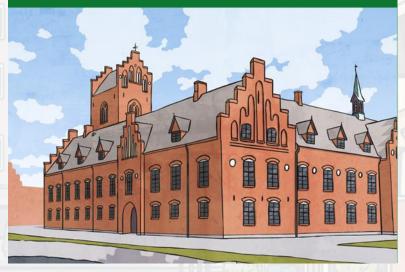


Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia.

He grew up in Atlanta.



He was so clever that he skipped two years at school!



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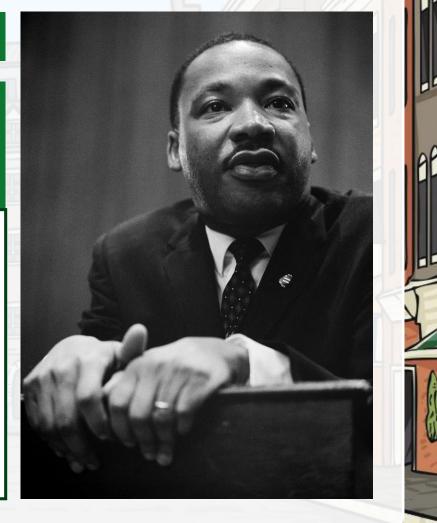
He had one brother and one sister.

Who Was MLK?

MLK was a civil rights leader.

He led non-violent protests to help achieve equal rights for African Americans.

He is one of the greatest speakers in American history.



Montgomery Bus Boycotts

Martin Luther King Jr. led the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

The boycott began when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man.

King organized a boycott of the public transportation system that lasted over a year.

He faced persecution for his leadership. He was accused of interfering with business and was arrested. His house was also bombed.

Eventually, the boycott was successful, and the segregation of the Montgomery buses ended.

I Have a Dream...

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I Have a Dream...

Martin Luther King Jr.'s most famous speech was the "I Have a Dream" speech.

King helped organize the 'March on Washington'.

Over 250,000 people attended the march to show legislators how important it was to write good laws and policies regarding civil rights.

They wanted the government to address issues like segregation in schools, protection from police abuse, and discrimination regarding employment.

It was at the march where King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

The Death of Martin Luther King Jr.

King was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee.

He was standing on a balcony at his hotel when someone shot him.

Interesting Facts About MLK

In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

A national holiday is celebrated every year to honour Martin Luther King Jr.

Mohandas Gandhi was a major influence on MLK. He liked his nonviolent way of protesting.

Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded many awards, including the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Imagine your class was segregated, meaning some of your classmates could not attend school with you because of the way they look.

How would this make you feel?

Important Questions

Why was it so important for Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders to stand up for civil rights?

Many people threatened Martin Luther King Jr. Why do you think he continued to fight for justice, even though he was in danger?

Martin Luther King Jr. had big dreams about making our world a better place. What things would you like to see happen that could make your world a better place?

What do you think these quotations mean?

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

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"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve."

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Main Task

0: To learn about significant historical figures

Year 5 have been learning about the civil rights in America and the campaigner for change, Martin Luther King. The children matched his famous and inspiring, "I have a dream," speech and discussed their thoughts and feelings about discrimination in America and the impact of Martin Luther King's mork before his death.

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