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Martin Luther King Jr



Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a Baptist minister and a leader in the civil rights movement, which fought for equal rights for African Americans. King believed in using peaceful methods to bring about change and is best known for his role in ending the legal segregation of African Americans in the United States. What did he do? King led many peaceful protests and gave powerful speeches that inspired people to work together for equality. His most famous speech, “I Have a Dream,” shared his vision of a future where people would not be judged by the color of their skin but by their character. He also played a key role in organizing the March on Washington in 1963, where he delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech. Why do we have MLK Day? We celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on the third Monday of January each year to honor his life and achievements. It’s a day to remember his message of peace and equality and to continue working towards his dream of a fair and just society for all. What can we do on MLK Day? On MLK Day, people often volunteer to help others and learn more about how they can make a difference in their communities. It’s a time to reflect on Dr. King’s teachings and to think about how we can live out his vision every day.

Remember, Martin Luther King Jr. taught us that everyone deserves to be treated fairly and with respect. By celebrating MLK Day, we keep his legacy alive and continue to strive for a world where everyone has the same opportunities. Martin Luther King Jr.'s impact on our world is important and why we honor him with a special day each year.

1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. When was Martin Luther King Jr. born?**
 - a. January 15, 1929
 - b. July 4, 1930
 - c. December 25, 1928

- 2. What was Martin Luther King Jr's profession?**
 - a. teacher
 - b. lawyer
 - c. Baptist Minister

- 3. What was the name of King's famous speech:**
 - a. I Have a Dream
 - b. We Will All Vote
 - c. Freedom Matters

- 4. What did King believe?**
 - a. ignoring social issues
 - b. separation of races
 - c. peaceful protests for equality

- 5. Where did he deliver his famous speech?**
 - a. Washington
 - b. Dallas
 - c. New York

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why is Martin Luther King Jr's message so important?
 2. How can you continue to support Martin Luther King Jr.'s message daily?
 3. What have you learned about Martin Luther King Jr.?
 4. Describe what you think the crowd was like during his 'I Have a Dream' speech.
- What would be a great way to celebrate Martin Luther King Day MLK Day?
 - What can you do when you see someone being treated unfairly?
 - If MLK were alive today, what issues do you think he would want to address?
 - What would make the world the best place ever?
 - Explain why you think his speech was called "I Have a Dream".
 - It is said that King inspired people. What does this mean and how can you inspire people to do the right thing?