

Martin Luther King Jr. Biography for Kids: Just the Facts

Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the most important figures in American history. He was a civil rights leader who fought for equality and justice for all people. He is best known for his leadership of the Montgomery Bus Boycott and his "I Have a Dream" speech. King's nonviolent approach to civil rights activism helped to change the course of American history.



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Early Life and Education

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. His father was a minister and his mother was a schoolteacher. King attended segregated schools and was often the only African American student in his class. Despite the challenges he faced, King excelled in school and was a gifted student.

In 1948, King entered Morehouse College, a historically black college in Atlanta. He studied sociology and was active in the civil rights movement. In 1951, King graduated from Morehouse College and went on to earn a doctorate in theology from Boston University.

Civil Rights Activism

In 1954, King became the pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. He quickly became involved in the civil rights movement and led the Montgomery Bus Boycott from 1955 to 1956. The boycott was a success and helped to desegregate public transportation in Montgomery.

In 1957, King helped to found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The SCLC was a coalition of civil rights organizations that worked to end segregation and discrimination. King served as president of the SCLC until his assassination in 1968.

King led numerous nonviolent protests and demonstrations during the civil rights movement. In 1963, he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The speech was a powerful call for racial equality and helped to inspire the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Assassination and Legacy

Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was shot and killed by James Earl Ray, a white man who had a history of violence and racism. King's assassination shocked the nation and led to widespread protests and riots.

King's legacy continues to live on today. He is remembered as one of the most important figures in American history and his work has inspired countless people around the world.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a visionary leader who dedicated his life to fighting for equality and justice. His nonviolent approach to activism helped to change the course of American history. King's legacy continues to inspire people around the world.

Additional Resources

- The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change
- Martin Luther King Jr. on History.com
- American Experience: Martin Luther King Jr.

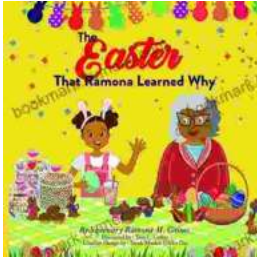


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