



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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Who is Martin Luther king ?

Martin Luther King Jr. was an African American male born on the 15th of January in Atlanta , Georgia to loving parents named Martin Luther king Sr and Alberta Williams . Martin Luther King Sr. was an African American Baptist pastor, missionary, and an early figure in the Civil Rights movement and Alberta was a caring teacher. Alberta and Martin were married on Thanksgiving Day of 1926 and not long after gave birth to their beautiful daughter Willie Christine King (Farris) in 1927. Martin and Alberta lived a happy life with their daughter and later decided they wanted another child. Alberta gave birth to Martin Luther King Jr. in 1929 and one year later to his brother Alfred Daniel King.

Facts about Martin Luther King Jr?

- Martin entered Morehouse College at the age of 15 and transferred to Boston University School of Theology.
- Martin received his doctorate in Systematic Theology.
- His widely famous 'I have a dream' speech was not his first at Lincoln Memorial.
- Martin was imprisoned nearly 30 times.
- He narrowly escaped an assassination attempt a decade before he was murdered.
- Martin Luther King helped Rosa Parks out of jail She was imprisoned for refusing to give up her seat to a white man, at the time this was a violation of the city's racial segregation laws.

What is Martin Luther King Jr famous for?

Martin Luther King was a social activist and Baptist minister who played a key role in the American civil rights movement from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. King sought equality and human rights for African Americans, the economically disadvantaged and all victims of injustice through peaceful protest. Martin worked extremely hard on getting not only his point of view, but others opinions and thoughts on racism and inequality across. King also advocated for non-violent methods of protest. Martin put his heart and soul into his work and spent everyday fighting for his, and all black men, women and childrens' equality and human rights. Martin's most famous speech was called 'I Have a Dream' in which he spoke of his dream of a United States that is void of segregation and racism. His words and thoughts touched thousands, even millions of people. One of my favourite lines in his incredible speech was " I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they are not judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Did he reach his goal?

The civil rights movement had a big year in 1964. Martin Luther King Jr. won the Nobel Peace Prize, and Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

King was largely responsible for the passage of the Civil rights act of 1964 and the voting rights act of 1965. The Civil Rights Act successfully banned discrimination in the work place and public accommodations based on “race, colour, religion , or national origin.”

Martin promoted and organized non-violent protests. He played a pivotal role in advancing civil rights in America and has won a Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to fight racial inequality in a non-violent matter. He endorsed non-violent, civil disobedience and emerged as leader of the boycott. Following a November 1956 ruling by the Supreme Court that segregation on public buses was unconstitutional, the bus boycott ended **SUCCESSFULLY!!!!** It had lasted 381 days.

Black men, women and children all felt an extreme amount of relief, they would finally have some peace and equality, words couldn't even describe how grateful and thankful they were to everybody involved with the civil rights movement.

How did Martin die?

Martin Luther King was assassinated on the 4th of April 1968. He was sadly murdered by James Earl Ray at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. James shot Martin as he stood on the balcony of the motel . King had gone out onto the balcony and was standing near his room when he was struck in the face at 6:01 p.m. by a single 30-06 bullet fired from a Remington Model 760 rifle. James was sentenced to 99 years in prison in 1969 after entering a guilty plea. James only served 29 years of his sentence as he died on the 23rd of April 1998. His cause of death was Hepatitis C, which is a virus that affects your liver.

I decided to do Martin Luther king because he inspires me to make the world a better place, and to make the world one human race. The world isn't a great place right now, and inequality is a massive subject all over the world. Given the killing of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement, I thought it was perfect to use Martin Luther King, as he is an inspiration to thousands of people, me included. Racism is NOT ok, the colour and pigmentation in somebody's skin does not define who they are as a person. George Floyd should not have died at the hands of the people who were supposed to protect him. All citizens of the world, no matter what colour of skin they have, religion they follow, or country they come from, should have the right to be treated equally. Even after the death of Martin Luther King, hundreds of black men, women and children have died and been murdered because of the colour of their skin. I hope that my generation and beyond can change the world and show ignorant, racist people that the colour of their skin does not make them who they are, or what they will be. I, and millions of other white people, will never be able to fully comprehend or understand the feeling of racism, but I will try my best to make the world realise we are all human, no what colour of skin we have.

I enjoyed writing this up very much and hope one day all of Martin Luther Kings efforts and every other person that helped in civil rights and Black Lives Matter movements will change this world .

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