

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Civil Rights leader



Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1929. The son of a Baptist minister, he became one himself after studying at a theological seminary in Pennsylvania. There, he learned about the non-violent methods used by Mahatma Gandhi in protest of British colonization in India. King believed that African-Americans could gain their civil rights through peaceful demonstration and protest. He believed in methods such as the boycott, refusing to buy products or services from companies or people who discriminated against African-Americans.

In 1963, a civil rights march on Washington, D.C., called the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, helped make King internationally known. It was on the occasion of this march that King made his famous 'I Have A Dream' speech. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. That same year, the Civil Rights Act was passed, banning many types of discrimination against African-Americans.

Word scramble!

Unscramble the letters to form the word that completes the sentence.

1. His life as an activist began with the _____ Bus Boycott, started by Rosa Parks in the city it is named for. **INTERCITYDOM**
2. Martin Luther King, Jr. was _____ on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee. **ASSASSINATED**
3. In 1983, a _____ holiday was declared in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. We still observe that holiday every January. **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY**

