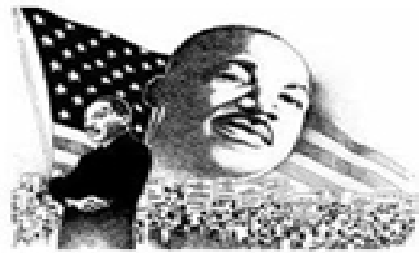


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MAN WITH A DREAM

Martin Luther King Jr. wanted black and white Americans to live happily together.
On the third Monday in January, many Americans honor this hero.

Dr Martin Luther King Jr. was a black pastor. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15th 1929. He was the leader of the Civil Rights Movement demanding equality for black people. Many Southern states in the USA, like Georgia, were segregated in the 1950's : black children couldn't go to the same schools as whites, Blacks and Whites couldn't seat in the same bus, theatres or use the same public toilets. King believed that was wrong.

Back of the bus

In December 1955, Rosa Parks, a black woman, was on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. A white man asked for her seat and she refused. She was arrested.
King, who was working in Montgomery, led a black protest. For a year, black people refused to use the buses.
Finally, segregation on the buses was declared illegal and sooner all segregation in Alabama was stopped!

Dr King was now famous and he continued with many other protests. He wanted black and white people to have the same rights. Some white people supported him, but many opposed him. His house was bombed! But he refused violence and in 1964 he received the Nobel Peace Prize.

King was an excellent orator, his speeches were famous and convinced many people, including president Kennedy, that he was right.

Unfortunately, he had many enemies and on April 4th 1968, he was assassinated.
His death provoked riots all-over America.

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