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A **fact** is something that happens, has happened or is certain to be true, or is real and exists. An **opinion** is believed to have occurred, believed to exist, or believed to be true.

Read the passage below about Martin Luther King. Underline the facts in red and the opinions in blue. There are at least 4 of each.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a civil rights leader born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1929. King was a great leader whom everyone loved. Dr. King dedicated his life to standing up for equality and justice for all Americans, regardless of color.

Today you can still see Dr. King Jr.'s birth home. Segregation and racism were very bad thoughts when Dr. King Jr. was growing up. These two thoughts meant that some people, usually those who were black, were thought to be less than people who were white. Black people were treated unfairly. There were often separate schools, drinking fountains, and even restrooms for those who were not white. This was a horrible time in history.

Does prejudice and racism still exist today?

