

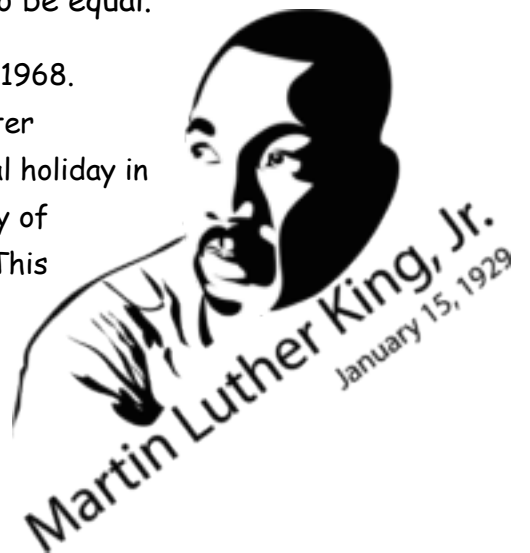
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a day to remember one of the best civil rights activists that there has ever been. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a minister who often fought against the way that African-Americans were treated. He did not like that there was racism, and he wanted every race to be equal. Martin took the time to go to many different cities. He also gave many great speeches that helped to make black and white people equal. People from all over the country would travel to watch Martin Luther King Jr. express one of his great speeches.

The speech that Martin Luther King, Jr. is most known for is the one that he gave in 1963. The speech that he gave on this day was 'I have a dream'. The 'I have a dream' speech is one of the most well known speeches that has ever been done. It is a very inspirational speech. The most famous quote from that speech is, "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." All Martin wanted was for his little kids to be able to grow up in a world that would not only focus on their race.

After that speech, Martin Luther King, Jr. had a lot of attention on him. He had a huge African-American following. He even had many white people who supported his cause. Unfortunately, this speech also brought attention to him from bad people. There were white supremacists that did not like him, and hated what he spoke about. White supremacists believe that white people are better than any other race. They did not want white and black people to be equal.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot on the evening of April 4th, 1968. Sadly enough, he ended up dying only an hour later. Soon after Martin's death, it was decided that there should be a federal holiday in his name. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is on the third Monday of January. Most schools give this day off to their students. This day is spent remembering what a great leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was. We are also supposed to remember that civil rights would not have progressed as far as they have if we did not have him.



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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Multiple Choice Questions

1. What year did Martin Luther King, Jr. give his famous speech?

- a. 1968
- b. 1963
- c. 1986
- d. 1983

2. In what month do we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. day?

- a. December
- b. April
- c. February
- d. January

3. On what date was Martin Luther King, Jr. shot and killed?

- a. April 14th, 1968
- b. April 4th, 1968
- c. April 4th, 1986
- d. April 4th, 1963

4. Based on the story what did the white supremacists believe?

- a. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great speaker
- b. black and white people were equal
- c. white people are better than any other race
- d. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great leader

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Free Response and Writing Activity

Write your answers in complete sentences.

1. Based on the story what two words best describe Martin Luther King, Jr.? Use details from the story to support your answer.

2. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a great role model. Who else would you consider a great role model? Explain why.

3. Why did the white supremacists dislike Martin Luther King, Jr.?

4. If you were to write a speech, what would it be about?
