

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

- 18 Dr. M.L.K. Jr. fact cards (pages 2–6)
- Dr. M.L.K. Jr. questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Dr. M.L.K. Jr. questions worksheet (2-sided).

Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 Dr. M.L.K. Jr. fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find



Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Fact Card

1

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929.



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Martin Luther King Jr. became a college student at age 15. He studied religion. He became *Dr.* King when he got his doctorate in 1955.

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Fact Card

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When he was born, Dr. King was named Michael King Jr. His father, Michael King Sr., changed both their names in 1934. However, his birth certificate wasn't changed until 1957.

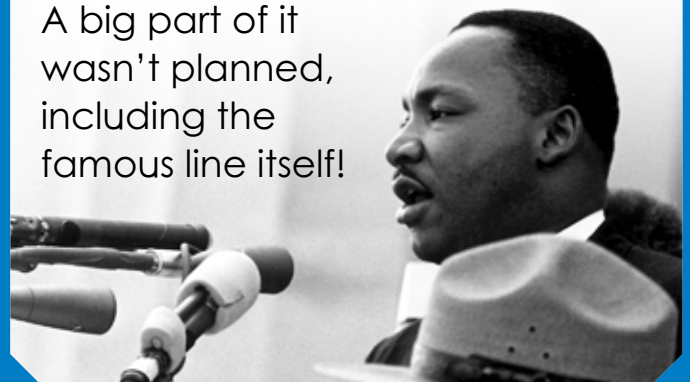
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Dr. King gave his "I Have a Dream" speech at the 1963 March on Washington. The full speech was about 17 minutes long. A big part of it wasn't planned, including the famous line itself!





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The bus boycott in Montgomery began soon after Rosa Parks didn't give up her bus seat.

Dr. King was

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Another title sometimes used for Dr. King is Reverend (written *Rev. Dr. King*). He was the pastor, or

leader, of the Dexter Avenue



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Civil rights movement leaders had many goals. The biggest ones were ending segregation, making discrimination illegal, and African Americans' right and ability to vote.



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In March 1965, people fighting for voting rights marched 54 miles (87 km) from Selma to Montgomery. Their first try ended quickly when state troopers attacked them. Dr. King helped lead the successful third march.



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Dr. King married his wife, Coretta Scott King, in 1953. They had four children. His family helped fight for many people's rights long after his death.

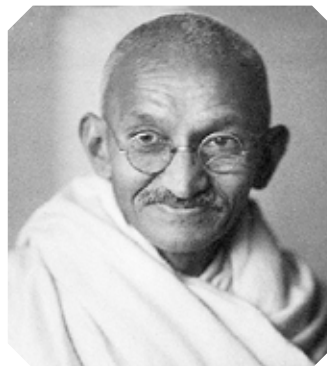


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Dr. King is one of the world's most famous nonviolent protestors. He learned and borrowed many of the



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1964 was an important year for Dr. King. On July 2, he saw the Civil Rights Act of 1964 become law. In October, Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize.

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Dr. King didn't just give great speeches. He wrote "Letter from Birmingham Jail" on April 16, 1963. In it, he warned, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."



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On April 3, 1968, Dr. King gave a speech called "I've Been to the Mountaintop" in Memphis, Tennessee. It was his final speech. He was killed by a gunman the very next day.



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Dr. King was arrested 29 times. Most of the arrests were because of civil disobedience.

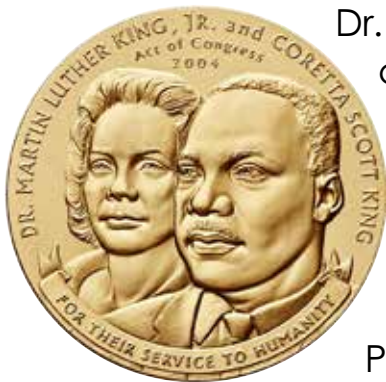


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Dr. King continued receiving honors after his death in 1968. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom

in 1977 and a Congressional Gold Medal in 2004.

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The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park in Atlanta includes many places important to Dr. King's life. One is his birth home. Another is the place he is buried.





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Dr. King didn't just fight for civil
rights based on race. Among

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The United States celebrates
Dr. King each year on Martin
Luther King Jr. Day. It doesn't have
a specific date. It
falls on the third
Monday in January.



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Side A

Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Scavenger Hunt

Fact Card 1: When and where was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. born?

Fact Card 2: When was Dr. King's name first changed? When was it officially changed?

Fact Card 3: Dr. King wasn't a doctor of medicine. He got his doctorate studying...



Fact Card 6: Dr. King was the pastor of which Montgomery church?

Fact Card 7: What were two of the big goals that leaders like Dr. King fought for?

Fact Card 8: How far did protesters march from Selma to Montgomery?

Fact Card 9: How many children did Dr. King and Coretta Scott King have?

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Fact Card 10: Who inspired many of Dr. King's methods? What type of protestors were they?

Fact Card 11: What law passed three months before Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize?

Fact Card 12: In "Letter from Birmingham Jail," Dr. King said "injustice anywhere" was what?



Fact Card 16: Name two places included in Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park.

Fact Card 17: Besides racial equality, what are two things Dr. King supported?

Fact Card 18: When is Martin Luther King Jr. Day?

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January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia

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four

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Mahatma Gandhi; nonviolent

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Fact Card 18: When is Martin Luther King Jr. Day?

the third Monday in January