

Honoring an American Leader...

Martin Luther King Day

The late civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be honored this month on the anniversary of his birth, January 15th. These Web sites will help students of all ages understand the important changes to society that Dr. King made possible.



All links are clickable

Print out the second worksheet (pp. 2-3) for classroom use.

The King Center

<http://www.thekingcenter.org/>

Visit the official web site of the King Center, which is located in Atlanta. The “King Holiday” link provides information on how Atlanta celebrates Martin Luther King Day.

Seattle Times

<http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/mlk/>

In celebration of his birthday, the Seattle Times created a web site to honor Martin Luther King and his achievements. Seattle is located in King County.

Nobel Peace Prize: Martin Luther King

<http://nobelprize.org/peace/laureates/1964/index.html>

Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Read his biography, presentation speech, acceptance speech and use other links to learn this international honor and recognition bestowed on Dr. King.

Martin Luther King Day of Service

<http://www.mlkday.gov/>

Honoring Dr. King’s lifetime of service, this site has information explaining how thousands of Americans remember Martin Luther King by participating in service projects in their communities.

The Quotations Page: Martin Luther King

http://www.quotationspage.com/quotes/Martin_Luther_King_Jr./

Martin Luther King was recognized as an influential orator who could move people and communities to action. Many of his famous (and not so famous) quotes are recorded on this site.



Show What You Know!

Name _____

Answer the following questions about Martin Luther King, based on the information from the web pages you viewed.

1. What event in Martin Luther King's life does this holiday celebrate?

2. Which president created the holiday that honors Dr. King?

3. If Martin Luther King were alive today, how old would he be?

4. King chose the same career as his father and his grandfather. What was the career M.L. King chose for which received a degree at Boston University?

5. Much of Dr. King's work was carried out in the state of Alabama. Tell why/how each of these cities was important in King's life:
 - a. Montgomery—

 - b. Birmingham—

 - c. Atlanta—

6. Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, which is quite a distinction in itself. Describe what was unusual about him receiving this award and the prize money that goes with it.

7. Who was the Indian leader that King greatly admired and wanted to follow in practicing nonviolent protest?

8. When and how did Martin Luther King die?

9. Summarize the goal of Dr. King's civil rights movement. Identify one other movement, either here in the U.S. or in another country, that is trying to defend the same principle.

10. If Dr. King was alive today, what movements would he support or what would he want to change about society?

11. Some people might say that King was important to African Americans, but others could argue that King and his work are important to all people. Explain how Dr. King's work helps all Americans.