

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. He had a younger brother and an older sister. Martin Luther King, Jr. always did very well in school and even skipped two grades in high school. He went to college at the age of fifteen and eventually became a preacher like his father. He married Coretta Scott King in 1953 and had four children. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee in 1968.



His Life

Martin Luther King, Jr. experienced racism at an early age. He knew it was not fair to treat people differently because of the color of their skin. He wanted to do something to make a difference. Martin Luther King, Jr. became active in the civil rights movement. He led the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama. He always wanted to lead peaceful protests to fight for equality. Martin Luther King, Jr. organized the "March on Washington" in Washington, D.C. where he gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech to over 200,000 people. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

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Power Words

Discuss the meaning of the following words.

boycott civil rights equality racism

1. Where was Martin Luther King, Jr. born?

2. Who was he married to?

3. What did Martin lead in Montgomery, Alabama?

4. What did he organize in Washington, D.C.?

5. What was the name of his famous speech?



What I Learned