



Martin Luther King, Jr.

1929–1968

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929. His family was very religious. He studied sociology and religion and got a Ph.D. from Boston University. His dream was to help the poor. He especially wanted to help other African Americans.

Dr. King taught his followers to stand up for their rights. But he also told them not to use violence. In 1963 he was put in jail for leading a protest. Still, he continued to fight for justice. In 1964 he received the Nobel Peace Prize.

Martin Luther King, Jr. also had many enemies. An assassin killed him on April 4, 1968.

TIMELINE

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America

was born on January 15	1929	the Stock Market crashed
	1936	Jessie Owens won 4 gold medals at the Berlin Olympics Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected President
	1937	Joe Lewis became Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the World
became a minister	1946	
	1947	Jackie Robinson broke the "color barrier" in baseball
	1954	the Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in public schools is illegal
was one of leaders of the Montgomery bus boycott started by Rosa Parks	1955	Roberto Clemente began his baseball career with the Pittsburgh Pirates
was jailed for leading a protest	1963	The March on Washington
received the Nobel Peace Prize	1964	
	1965	Malcolm X was assassinated Cesar Chavez organized a strike
was assassinated	1968	

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