

# MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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# Introduction

My black role model is  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
because he fought  
peacefully for equal  
rights for everyone .



# Childhood

Martin Luther King JR was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, United States Of America.

Born Michael Luther king his father later changed his name to Martin.

His dad was Martin Luther King and his mum was Alberta Williams King. He had a brother called Alfred

Daniel King and a sister Christine King Farris.

# Early childhood

- ▣ Martin Luther King made friends with a white boy who lived across the street from him. When they were 6 and started school they had to go to separate schools because of segregation. Martin Luther had to go to a black only school and his friend went to a white only school. His friends parents said they were not allowed to play together anymore because their skins were different colours.
- ▣ Martin Luther felt sad and spoke to his parents about it, which started a conversation about the history of slavery and how black people were mistreated because of their skin colour. This encouraged him to start thinking about how people should be treated equally, so he would never loose his friends again.

# Education

Martin Luther king Jr. attended segregated schools in his childhood and graduated high school at the age 15. He was very clever and did well in all his studies.

He received a B.A degree from Morehouse Collage (for black only people). He then went to Boston university where he achieved his doctorate. He met his wife Coretta at university and they had 4 children.

When he was aged 35 Martin Luther was the youngest man to Receive the Nobel peace prize.

# Activist movements

Martin Luther King JR. was an American Preacher, activist and a humanitarian, who was inspired by his faith and the peaceful teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. He was best known for his peaceful protests to stand up for civil rights and end segregation.

AT ONE OF MANY  
PEACEFUL PROTESTS



# Montgomery bus boycott

In 1955 a black lady called Rosa Parks was arrested for not giving up her space to a white person on a segregated bus.

Martin Luther king organised a Boycott which lasted 382 days.

The supreme courts in America said segregation Was unconstitutional and black and white people should ride the buses equally.

# Rosa parks and Martin Luther King Jr.





# I HAVE A DREAM

On August 28<sup>th</sup> 1963 Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous speech “ I Have A Dream” he asked for an end to racism and equal civil rights.

Here are two quotes from his speech.

“Today will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in our history of our nation.”

“I have a dream that one day my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but on the content of their character.”



# How he was treated

Although he had thousands of followers who supported his views and beliefs, there were lots of people who didn't agree with him. During his life Martin Luther was harassed, arrested, beaten, abused and even his house was bombed.

Through all of this he continued to fight peacefully for his beliefs.

Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on the balcony of his hotel on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee, USA.

# Summery

Martin Luther King Jr. achieved a lot in the fight against racism but sadly, we still see racism even today. The recent death of George Floyd and many others who were killed or treated differently because of the colour of their skin have made people fight even harder against racism.

# Glossary & references

Segregation means The action of setting someone or something apart from others.

Boycott means withdraw from commercial or social relations (a country, organization, or person) as a punishment or protest.

Unconstitutional means not in accordance with the political constitution or with procedural rules.

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