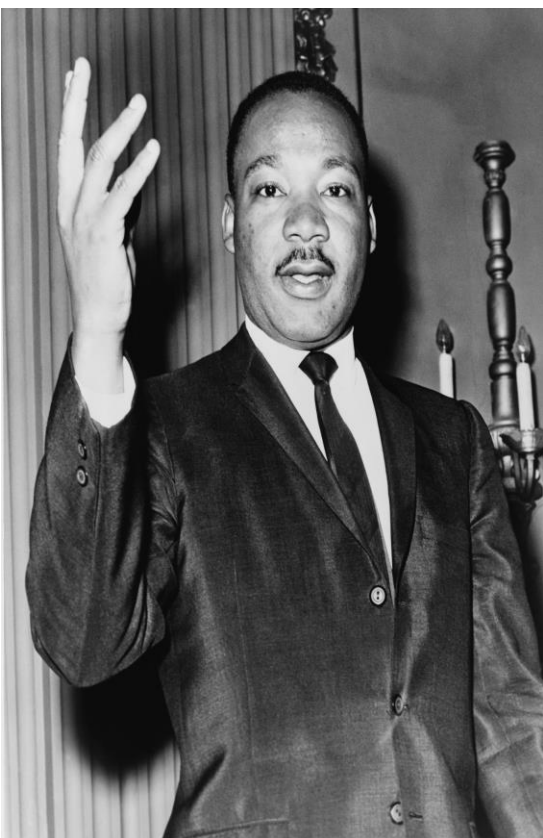


Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. (born 15 January 1929) was an American Baptist minister and activist who became one of the most visible spokesperson and leader in the Civil Rights Movement in America.

King was born in Atlanta, Georgia, to the Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Williams King. King's legal name at birth was Michael King, and his father was also born Michael King, but the elder King changed his and his son's names following a 1934 trip to Germany. It was during this time he chose to be called Martin Luther King in honor of the German reformer Martin Luther. King's parents were both African-American, and he also had Irish ancestry through his paternal grandfather.



When King was a child, he befriended a white boy whose father owned a business nearby. When the boys were six, they started school: King had to attend a school for African Americans and the other boy went to one for whites. King lost his friend because the child's father no longer wanted the boys to play together. King became a civil rights activist early in his career. He led the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott. King led an unsuccessful 1962 struggle against segregation in Albany, Georgia, and helped organise the 1963 nonviolent protests in Birmingham, Alabama.

On October 14, 1964, King received the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance. In 1968, King was planning a national occupation of Washington, D.C. when he was assassinated by James Earl Ray on April 4 in Memphis, Tennessee. As a result of King's death, there were riots in many U.S. cities.

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Sheet One Answers

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- 3) What movement was Martin Luther involved in? **The Civil Rights Movement in America**
- 4) Why did Martin Luther King Jr. change his name? **As he was inspired by the German reformer Martin Luther**
- 5) Where was his grandfather from? **Ireland**
- 6) Why did King lose his childhood friend? **Because the boy's father wanted him to stop being friends with Martin Luther King Jr.**
- 7) When was the Montgomery bus boycott? **1955**
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