

American Holiday Worksheet

Quotes by Dr. King

- We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.
- Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.
- In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.

National U.S. Holiday
January — 3rd Monday

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. fought for civil rights.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. Martin's father was a minister and his mother, a former school teacher, was a homemaker. Martin was very close to both of his parents.

Martin loved learning, and he was a good student. He skipped two grades and started college when he was just 15 years old.

When he was 24 years old, he became the minister of the Dexter Avenue Bap-

tist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. It was there that he became involved in the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The boycott was over segregation on Montgomery's buses.

Rosa Parks, an Afri-



can-American woman, was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man.

During the boycott, African-Americans walked to work instead of taking the bus. This caused the bus system to lose money.

The boycott lasted for 381 days. Dr. King was arrested during the boycott and his house was set on fire.

In the end the United States Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation on all forms of transportation.

I have a dream...

Dr. King and other civil rights leaders organized a march on Washington, D.C. in the summer of 1963.

About 250,000 people joined the march. It ended with a speech by Dr. King. The speech is called "I Have a Dream" and it is one of the most famous speeches in American

history.

In the speech, Dr. King says:

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

King Timeline

Born in Georgia	1929
Graduated College	1948
Minster of Dexter Church	1953
Married Coretta Scott	1953
Dr. of Philosophy	1955
March on Washington	1963
Assassinated	1968