

Martin Luther King Jr.

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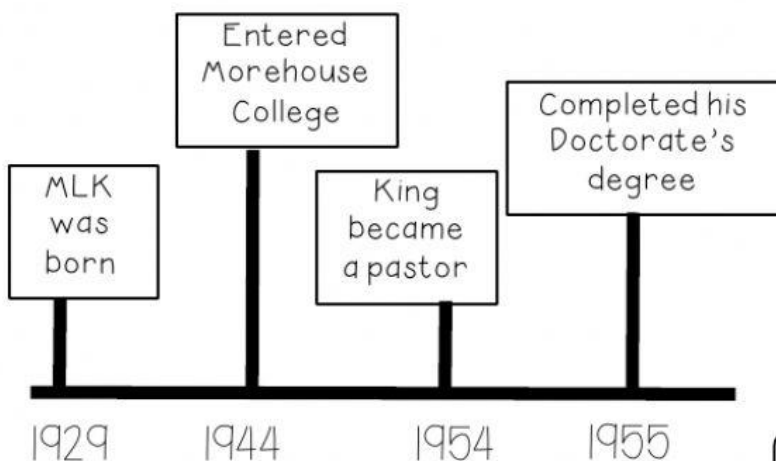


King was a social activist that led the Civil Rights Movement

Early Life

On January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. was born in rural Georgia. In 1944, at just age 15, King entered Morehouse College and earned a degree in sociology. While working on his Doctorate degree, he met Coretta Scott and they were married soon after. In 1954, King became a pastor in Montgomery, Alabama. He completed his Doctorate's degree in 1955 when King was only 25 years old.

MLK's Early Life



Did You Know?

King's birth name was Michael not Martin.

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Bus Boycott

King first became involved in civil rights action right after Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. He led the Montgomery Bus Boycott. It lasted over a year. In the end, Martin's Boycott was successful and segregation on Montgomery buses came to an end.

"I Have a Dream"

In 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. helped to organize the "March on Washington". Many people marched over important issues such as segregation in schools, discrimination during employment, and overall inequality. At this time, he gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Thanks to his efforts, the Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964.



The Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964 which outlawed discrimination based on color or race.



The bus boycott took place in Montgomery, Alabama

Honoring King

Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968 on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel. The American holiday "Martin Luther King Day" is celebrated every third Monday of January each year.

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