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I HAVE A DREAM

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Baptist minister. He lived in the 1950s and noticed that equality among people did not exist. People of color were discriminated against and treated very poorly. During this time period, the Supreme Court ruled on the case *Brown v. Board of Education*. This case was about ending segregation in public schools.

King fought for civil rights for all people. He made many speeches and marched in protests. He was trying to get the government to allow freedom to all people. King was eventually arrested and thrown into jail.

When he got out, he organized a march in Washington, D.C. On the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, he delivered his most famous speech. This speech talked about his dream that one day all children could sit and work together regardless of the color of their skin. His speech also talked about all Americans deserving the same rights.

Thousands of people heard this speech. This speech helped lead to laws like the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was, and still is, an inspiration to many.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What motivated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?
 - a. the treatment of the slaves
 - b. the lack of equal rights for all American citizens
 - c. the lack of representation for all Americans
 - d. the misunderstanding of the government
2. Which paragraph would help you answer the previous question?
 - a. second paragraph
 - b. first paragraph
 - c. fourth paragraph
 - d. third paragraph
3. Which of the following statements is not true about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?
 - a. He was an inspiration to many.
 - b. He fought for civil rights.
 - c. He was an excellent physician.
 - d. He was arrested and put in jail.