

Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a very important man in American history. He was born Michael King Jr. on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1934, he went to Europe with his family and changed his name to Martin Luther King.

In 1939 he sang in Atlanta for the presentation of the famous movie, *Gone with the Wind* and in 1953 got married to Coretta Scott. In 1955, he met another important activist called Rosa Park and he started a bus boycott. This was a very important moment in the Civil Rights Movement. He had his second child in 1957, called Martin Luther King III.



King was a great speaker. In 1963, he gave his famous "*I Have a Dream*" speech in Washington D.C. Because of his work, King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

But life was dangerous for him. He went to Memphis, Tennessee, in 1968 to help black workers on strike and sadly a man shot him in the neck. He got killed on April 4th 1968.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a brave man who fought for justice and equality. His dream of a better world inspired millions of people around the world.

Read the text and complete the timeline.

Martin Luther King's Timeline

1934	1939	1953	1955	1957	1963	1964	1968



go to
Tennessee



win Nobel
Prize



give famous
speech



sing in
Atlanta



get married
to Coretta



meet Rosa
Park



go to Europe



have his
second child