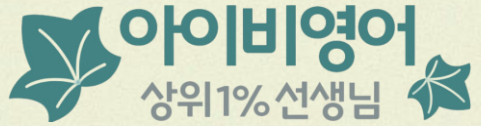


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Biographies for Kids



Video Lessons





01

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

[Click here to watch the video clip](#)

I. Read the sample sentence in the left column. Then fill in the blanks with the correct answers from the right column.

<p>1. Today we're going to learn about the <i>civil rights</i> leader, Martin Luther King, Jr.</p> <p><i>Civil rights</i> are the rights that every person should have. They include the right to _____.</p>	<p>A. give</p>
<p>2. He continued his education by studying for his <i>doctorate</i> at Boston College.</p> <p>A <i>doctorate</i> is _____.</p>	<p>B. vote and work</p>
<p>3. In December of 1956, the Supreme Court ruled that segregated buses were <i>unconstitutional</i>.</p> <p>Something is <i>unconstitutional</i> if it is not allowed by _____.</p>	<p>C. show great respect for</p>
<p>4. He <i>delivered</i> his 1963 speech to a listening crowd of 250,000 people.</p> <p>"<i>Deliver</i>" means "_____."</p>	<p>D. a country's system of laws</p>
<p>5. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is celebrated <i>in honor of</i> the man whose dream of peace and equality helped change a nation.</p> <p>Another expression for "<i>in honor of</i>" is "to _____."</p>	<p>E. the highest degree from a university</p>

II. Choose the correct answer.

01

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in _____ on January 15, 1929.

- A. Atlanta, Georgia
- B. Boston, Massachusetts
- C. Montgomery, Alabama

02

While King was growing up, _____ in the United States.

- A. there were still a lot of Black slaves
- B. life had become much easier for Black Americans
- C. special rules separated white people from Black people

03

In June 1953, King _____.

- A. became a Baptist pastor
- B. got married to Coretta Scott
- C. graduated from college with a sociology degree



II. Choose the correct answer.

04

In December 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested and jailed after refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man. Because of this incident, _____.

- A. the Supreme court ordered King to stay in prison for more than a year
- B. white people started to feel sorry for Black people and be kinder towards them
- C. civil rights leaders including King arranged a boycott of the Montgomery bus system

05

Through his hard work and speaking skills, King became well respected. He also got the chance to meet U.S. President _____.

- A. Harry S. Truman
- B. John F. Kennedy
- C. Ronald W. Reagan

III. Fill in the boxes with the correct letters. (NOTE: The missing words are used in the video.)

1. The separation between people of different skin colors during Martin Luther King, Jr.'s time was known as .

2. King studied religion in a seminary after he decided to become a minister like his .

3. King gave thousands of speeches during his lifetime, but his speech “ ” was the most memorable one.

4. Because of his peaceful efforts to end discrimination, King received the in 1964.

5. The efforts of King and other civil rights leaders led the U.S. Congress to pass the Civil Rights Act. Because of this law, discrimination based on , religion, or sex became illegal.

IV. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.



1. Based on the video, what was Martin Luther King, Jr. most famous for?



2. As a result of the Montgomery bus boycott, the Supreme Court decided that segregated buses were unconstitutional. What did this decision prove?



3. The video includes a part of King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Based on this part, what dream did King have?



4. When did King give his final speech?



5. What was the cause of King's death? How old was he when he died?

V. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

01

Because of his role in the Montgomery bus boycott, King was jailed more than 20 times. He was also stabbed. In addition, his house was bombed, and he often received threats. Despite these bad experiences, why do you think King never stopped fighting for equality?

03

Among the famous people in your country, who do you think is most similar to King? Explain your answer.

02

In King's final speech, he said:

"I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land!"

In your opinion, what "Promised Land" did King talk about? Explain your answer.

04

Imagine that you will give your own "I Have a Dream" speech in front of thousands of people. What dream of yours will you tell your audience about? Complete the sentence below:

I have a dream that