

Martin Luther King, Jr.

The third Monday in January is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It is a federal holiday. What date is it on this year?	
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Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.?

Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) fought for civil rights. He worked for equality for African Americans and all Americans. He was part of the Civil Rights Movement, which tried to end racial discrimination. King was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. He entered college when he was 15 years old. At 24 years old, he became the minister of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. For 382 days he led the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Dr. King believed in nonviolent civil disobedience. In 1963, during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, he gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial. His dream was equality and civil rights for all Americans. In 1964, he won the Nobel Peace Prize. King was shot and killed by James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. He was shot while he was on the second-floor balcony of the Lorraine Motel. About 300,000 people attended his funeral. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is buried at the King Center. His wife Coretta Scott King is buried with him.

Comprehension Questions	Answers
What year was MLK born?	
What is the name of his famous speech?	
How did he die?	
Why is he important?	