

Martin Luther King

January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

Who was Martin Luther King?

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Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister and social activist, who led the Civil Rights Movement in the United States. King sought equality and human rights for African Americans, the economically disadvantaged and all victims of injustice through peaceful protest.

Montgomery Bus Boycott

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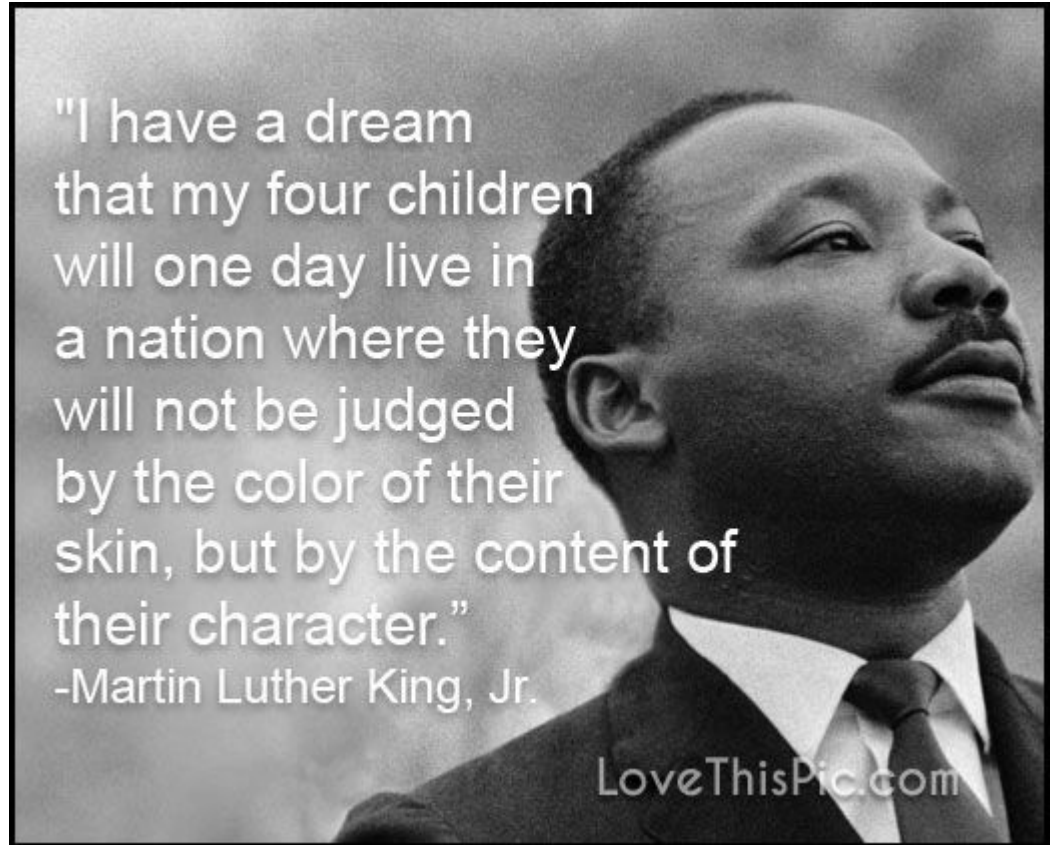
On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, secretary of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery bus and was arrested. Activists coordinated a bus boycott that would continue for 381 days. They chose Martin Luther King, Jr. as the protest's leader and official spokesman.

March on Washington

Martin Luther King, Jr. worked with a number of civil rights and religious groups to organize the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, a peaceful political rally designed to shed light on the injustices African Americans continued to face across the country.

I have a dream

The March on Washington culminated in King's most famous address, known as the "I Have a Dream" speech, a spirited call for peace and equality that many consider a masterpiece of rhetoric.



"I have a dream
that my four children
will one day live in
a nation where they
will not be judged
by the color of their
skin, but by the content of
their character."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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