



# The Mini Page

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## Honoring Dr. King

### Mini Fact:

In 1964, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, honoring his work toward international peace.

### April 4, 1968

Dr. King went to Memphis in April 1968 to support a **strike**, or work stoppage, by African American garbage workers.

He gave a famous speech on the evening of April 3. Here are a few lines from his speech:

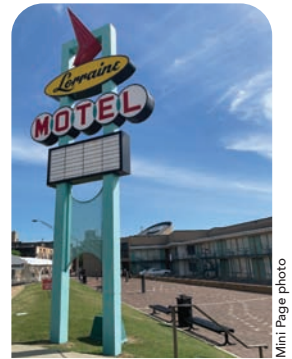
"We aren't engaged in any negative protest and in any negative arguments with anybody. We are saying that we are determined to be men. We are determined to be people."

The next evening, Dr. King was standing on a balcony at the Lorraine Motel when he was shot by James Earl Ray. Ray was convicted of killing Dr. King and died in prison in 1998.

Dr. King's **legacy**, or the ideas he left behind, continued with other leaders.

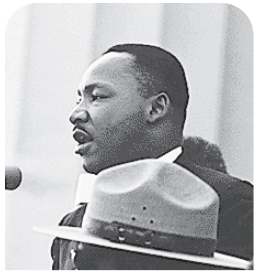
In May 1968, Dr. King's friend and coworker Ralph Abernathy and Dr. King's wife, Coretta Scott King, led the Poor People's Campaign march to Washington.

Mrs. King started The King Center in Atlanta to continue her husband's work.



The Lorraine Motel in Memphis is now the National Civil Rights Museum.

"I have a dream." You may have heard this famous statement from one of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches. Dr. King led America's struggle for equal rights for people of all races during the 1950s and '60s.



Martin Luther King Jr. gives his famous "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington in August 1963.

Dr. King was **assassinated**, or murdered, 57 years ago, on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was only 39 years old when he died. Since 1986, we have celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day on the third Monday in January.

### What kind of doctor?

Martin Luther King Jr. was not a medical doctor. He received a Ph.D., or a doctor of philosophy degree, from Boston University. His degree was in **theology**, or the study of religion.

### Segregation

For over a century after the Civil War and the freeing of slaves, many African Americans struggled to make better lives for themselves. Even though laws made them "free," they were often **segregated**, or separated based on skin color. In some parts of the country, it was hard for them to get a good education or jobs, buy or rent a house, eat in restaurants, or use public transportation.

### Fighting for rights

Across the country, Black people were joining in the fight for their **civil**, or citizens', rights. Dr. King started the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1957. This group would help organize and support protests against **discrimination**, or unfairness. Dr. King wanted the protests to be peaceful, but that was not always possible.

### His influences

Dr. King was known for his strong belief in nonviolence. His friend Dr. Benjamin Hooks had this to say about him: "This was a man who believed in nonviolence as a way of life, not just in the Civil Rights Movement, but nonviolence at home, nonviolence with his children."

Dr. King's beliefs were partly based on Christian teachings. He was also **influenced**, or inspired, by Mohandas Gandhi, a leader in India who peacefully helped to make changes in society.

### Making change

Dr. King organized the Poor People's Campaign, which he hoped would help improve life for impoverished people of all races. With this campaign, he was trying to solve not just racial issues, but the problem of **economic**, or money-related, inequality.

He also protested against the war in Vietnam, which he thought violated human rights.

## Resources



### On the Web:

- [bit.ly/40X38CO](https://bit.ly/40X38CO)

### At the library:

- "Voices for Civil Rights" by Wayne L. Wilson

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## Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of Martin Luther King Jr. are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



ASSASSINATED, CIVIL, DREAM, ECONOMIC, GANDHI, INFLUENCE, KING, LEGACY, LORRAINE, LUTHER, MARCH, MARTIN, MEMPHIS, RIGHTS, SEGREGATED, STRIKE, THEOLOGY, VIETNAM, WASHINGTON.

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I N F L U E N C E R I G H T S  
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## Cook's Corner

### Fruity Carrot Salad

#### You'll need:

- 1 (8-ounce) can pineapple tidbits, drained (reserve 1/4 cup juice)
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise (regular or reduced-fat)
- 1 (10-ounce) package matchstick-cut carrots
- 1/4 cup golden raisins

- 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts (optional)



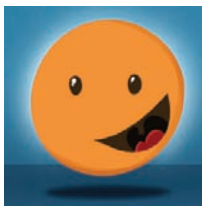
\* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

#### What to do:

1. Blend 1/4 cup reserved pineapple juice and mayonnaise in a large bowl.
2. Add remaining ingredients and toss gently to coat with the dressing.
3. Refrigerate for 30 minutes to blend flavors. Serves 8.

## 7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



1. long trip (7) \_\_\_\_\_
2. bushy-tailed small animal (8) \_\_\_\_\_
3. fire station leader (5) \_\_\_\_\_
4. something to fix a hole (5) \_\_\_\_\_
5. split (6) \_\_\_\_\_
6. it's used to make bread (5) \_\_\_\_\_
7. white bear (5) \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers: Journey, squirrel, chief, patch, divide, flour, polar.

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## Mini Jokes



**Marco:** What's the best food to eat in January?  
**Manuel:** Brrrrr-itos!

## Eco Note



A year after an outbreak of H5N1 bird flu killed thousands of elephant seals in Argentina, about a third of the animals typically expected there have returned. Scientists estimate that the influenza killed more than 17,000 of the marine mammals, including approximately 97% of their pups. "It's beautiful to walk the beaches now and hear elephant seals again," said Marcela Uhart of the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine. So far, no elephant seals have tested positive for the virus this breeding season.

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### For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles about Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 20.

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