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Martin Luther King Jr. Martin Luther King is one person who will always stand out in American history. He was the main leader in the Civil Rights Movement. He was born January 15th, 1929 and was assassinated (killed) on April 4, 1968. During Kings childhood segregation was a very popular thing. Segregation was supported by the Jim Crow Laws which made it illegal for blacks to use the same bathrooms, water fountains, and even eat in the same restaurants as whites. Segregation simply means a racial separation. King believed that all races, Caucasian, African Americans, Hispanics and Asians should be treated equally and he fought for that belief his entire life.

King was known well for his "I have a Dream Speech" which summarized his visions for the U.S in being a place where separation did not exist and where children would not have to grow up under the laws he did. King organized and led marches to fight for blacks' rights to vote, desegregation, labor rights and other basic civil rights that blacks did not have at that time. Most of these rights were successfully enacted into the United States law with the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In 1968 while standing on the second floor balcony of a hotel King was shot and killed by James Earl Ray who was against King and what he stood for. James Earl Ray was later arrested and sentenced.

1. Who was the main leader in the Civil Rights Movement? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. When was he born? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did the Jim Crow Laws make illegal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. What speech is King known for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What two acts were based on Kings wishes and beliefs?
6. Who assassinated Martin Luther King in 1968? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. What was the reason he assassinated King?