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Martin Luther King, Jr. Changed The World

Martin Luther King Jr. had a positive effect on the world. He grew up as an African American living with segregation. Segregation is the separation of racial groups. He was a spokesperson for racial equal rights and participated in many marches and speeches. His most famous being the I Have A Dream speech and The March on Washington. Martin Luther King Jr. helped to support equal rights and fought against segregation even at his own personal risk, and in the end it cost him his life. He did all of these thing without violence. He protested and stood up for what he believed, in a peaceful way never resorting to violence. Martin Luther King Jr. changed the world with his words and not his fists.

King was born on January 15, 1929 with the original name of Michael Luther King Jr. He attended segregated schools all his life and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1948 from Morehouse college. He became the pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama after college. King married Coretta Scott , who was an avid protester after his death, and had four children: Yolanda King, Martin Luther King III, Dexter Scott King, and Bernice King.

King was famous for his peaceful protests and his campaign for equality. He believed in standing up for what was right without violence. In 1955 he became the leader of the first negro nonviolent demonstration in contemporary times. Known as the Montgomery bus boycott, in

protest of the segregated bus system. The boycott lasted 323 days and led to a positive change in Montgomery transportation allowing black and white citizens to use the same doors and sit in both the front and the back of the bus. The speech he is most famous for is the I Have A Dream speech. Where he stated “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they are not judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character”(King 5). These words struck inspiration into the hearts of so many people and were said after The March On Washington one of the biggest marches in American history.

Some of his other major accomplishments were the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Birmingham Campaign and winning the Nobel Peace Prize. When in jail for protesting the treatment of black men in the Birmingham prison he wrote letters to the people in inspiration. He was also the youngest man to receive a Nobel Peace Prize at 35 years old and gave the \$54,321 he gained to the civil rights movement. He affected other countries by giving speeches and visiting them. For example he spoke out against apartheid, a policy of segregation in South Africa, in 1960.

On April 4, 1968 he was assassinated on his hotel balcony. He was in Memphis, Tennessee to speak at a black rights rally the next day. He was murdered for standing up for what he believed in and what was right: the right of African Americans as American citizens. He helped to fight segregation and sway the mind of many black and white citizens on the fact that we are all equal. King did all of this without raising a fist, in violence but with his strong voice.

Martin Luther King Jr. changed the world because he believed in peace and using it to gain equality for his fellow African American men and women. He led marches, and boycotts. He gave speeches and spoke of a dream that all men would be created equal and that violence and

hate would give way to peace and acceptance. Martin Luther King Jr. changed the world not with weapons, or violence, or hate, but with his words, and his love, and his belief that peace and equality is possible.

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