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**LET'S BRAINSTORM ABOUT...**

# EQUALITY

*Write down as many words and phrases you can think of that relate to the word "equality."*

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## All About Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in equality, that "all men are created equal."  
Take turns reading parts of this passage aloud with your classmates.*

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929.
Where he lived, African Americans did not have the same rights as white people. They were not allowed to vote.
In Georgia, public schools were segregated so King attended an all black school.
Education was important to King. He graduated from high school at fifteen and eventually received his doctorate degree.
He became a Baptist minister just like his father and grandfather.
Martin Luther King, Jr. led peaceful protests in the name of equality.
He was a member of the NAACP, or the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
In 1955, he led the famous bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama.
King made amazing speeches like his "I Have a Dream" speech where he declared, "I have a dream that my four little 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."
For his efforts, Kings and other protesters were arrested and met with violence.
He was the youngest person to ever receive the Nobel Peace Prize at the age of thirty-five. He donated his prize money to the cause.
He strived to reach equality for all types of people, not only African-Americans.
On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr. was in Memphis, Tennessee for a protest when he was assassinated while on the balcony of his motel room.
A man who worked years to fight prejudice and hatred in peaceful, nonviolent ways was the victim of a hate crime.
In 1986, Martin Luther King, Jr. day became a national holiday in the United States.

## **QUESTIONS:**

*Answer using complete sentences.*

### **Level 1**

What kind of protests did Dr. King believe in?

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### **Level 2**

What effect did Dr. King's influence in the Civil Rights Movement have in this country?

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### **Level 3**

Do you think Dr. King's dream has come true, or do we still have work to do? Why?

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## **FAMOUS QUOTES BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

*Read and discuss each quote then write down what you think it means underneath.*

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

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"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

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"A right delayed is a right denied."

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"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

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"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

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Let no man pull you low enough to hate him.

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# MY POEM

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

He was	
He believed	
He loved	
He knew	
He worked	
He changed	
He helped	
He said	
He dreamed	
He was	

*Share your poem with the class!*