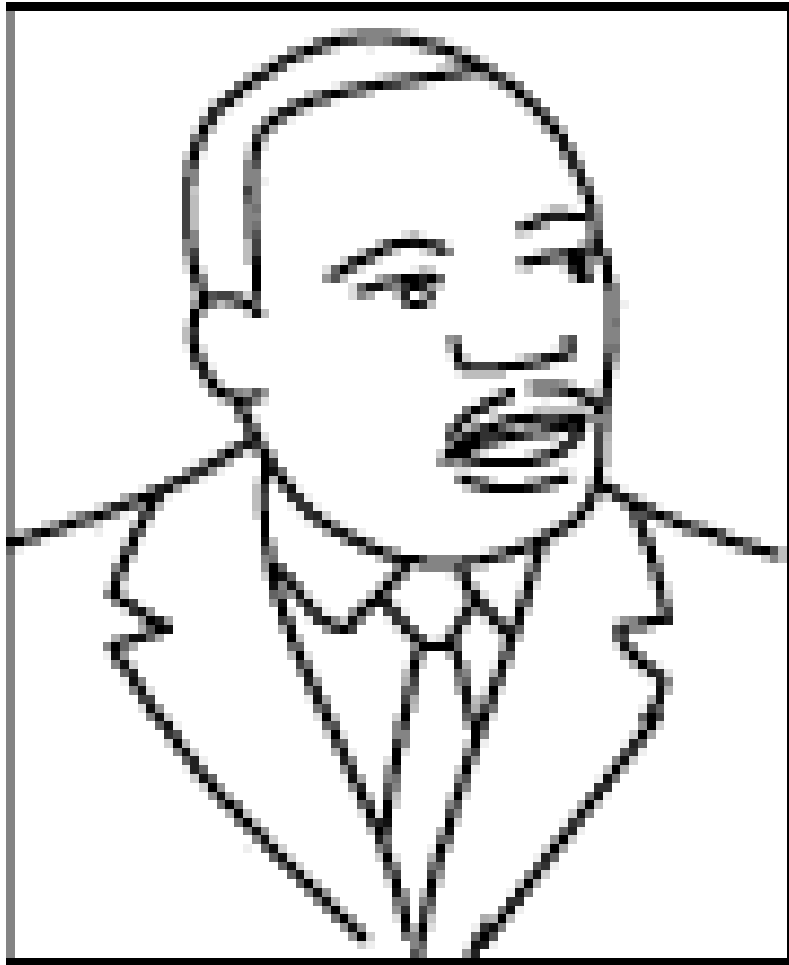




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Born: January 15, 1929

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

Died: April 4, 1968

Location: Memphis, Tennessee

IMPORTANT FACTS:

Life:

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spent his life working to make his ideas come true. King was one of the main leaders of the American civil rights movement. A Baptist minister by training, King became a civil rights activist early in his career, leading the Montgomery Bus Boycott and helping to found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

In a famous speech called "I have a dream," he said that all people, no matter the color of their skin, should be treated equally. His efforts led to the 1963 March on Washington, where King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, raising public consciousness of the civil rights movement and establishing King as one of the greatest orators in American history. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee.

Achievements:

- **1958** - Dr. King publishes his first book, *Stride Toward Freedom*
- **1963** - Dr. King gives his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- **1964** - Dr. King is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
- **1968** - Dr. King is assassinated in Memphis, TN
- **1986** - Martin Luther King Jr. Day is declared a National Holiday in the U.S.