

- 1 Martin Luther King Jr. was an important leader and activist in the Civil Rights Movement.
- 2 He was born Michael King Jr. on January 15, 1929.
- 3 When he graduated from University with a doctorate degree he was awarded the title Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 4 He became a pastor at Dexter Ave Baptist Church in Montgomery Alabama in 1954.
- 5 In 1955 he took leadership of the Montgomery Bus Boycott where Rosa Parks was arrested for not giving up her seat on the bus for a white man.
- 6 He became famous in the 1960s for speaking out against laws that discriminated against black people.
- 7 He was imprisoned nearly 30 times in his life.
- 8 On August 28th 1963 at a historic march in Washington DC for jobs, freedom, racial equality and the end of discrimination he delivered his “I have a dream” speech.
- 9 He became the youngest man (age 35) to receive a Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through non-violence.
- 10 He was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, by James Earl Ray on April 4th, 1968.

