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Kurzvorstellung:

- Dieses englischsprachige Arbeitsblatt für den direkten Einsatz im Unterricht befasst sich mit dem Werdegang von Martin Luther King, den politischen Hintergründen der Rassentrennung sowie den eigenen Erfahrungen, die die Schüler/innen mit dem Thema Rassismus gemacht haben.
- Komplette englischsprachiges Material!

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Station 1

Martin Luther King



Martin Luther King Jr St Paul Campus, 1960s
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1.) Martin Luther King – Life and achievements

- 1929 Born on January 15, in Atlanta, Georgia
- 1948 Graduation from Morehouse College
- 1953 Marriage with Coretta Scott
- 1955 Earning of a doctoral degree
- 1956 Bombing of Dr. King's house
- 1963 Famous „I Have a Dream“ - speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- 1964 Martin Luther King is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
- 1968 Martin Luther King is assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee
- 1986 Martin Luther King Jr. Day is declared a national holiday in the U.S.

Martin Luther King was one of the leading figures in the civil rights movement. He grew up in a time of segregation, discrimination, and prejudice. People of different races did not have equal rights and were often treated unfairly because of the colour of their skin. He protested against the unfair treatment of African-Americans by means of peaceful demonstrations, non-violent rallies, boycotts, marches, and sit-ins.

Martin was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia (the segregated South). His name was originally Michael King, Jr., but his father changed it to Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1934, after a visit to Germany. Martin was an excellent student and was able to skip grades in both elementary school and high school. At the age of six, he learned about segregation when the parents of his white friends would not let him play with his friends anymore.

Graduating from Morehouse College in 1948 with a degree in sociology, he continued to study religion at the Crozer Theological Seminary. His father was a preacher which inspired him to pursue the ministry as well. Receiving his seminary degree in 1951, Martin moved on to Boston University, from which he graduated in 1955 with a doctorate degree. There, he also met his future wife Coretta Scott, who was very passionate about civil rights. After finishing college Reverend King returned to the South and became the pastor of a church in Montgomery, Alabama.

Martin Luther King dedicated his life to achieving equality and justice for everyone regardless of their skin colour. According to him, peaceful refusal to obey unjust laws was the best way to bring about social change, much in the same way as had Mahatma Gandhi of India. He led a boycott of the buses in Montgomery, Alabama, as well as the famous march on Washington, DC, where he gave his “I Have A Dream” speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963. Due to his involvement in the civil rights movements he was arrested several times during his lifetime. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Martin Luther King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee and was survived by his wife and his four children.

1

Task: When Barack Obama was elected President, people all over the world celebrated this incident. Why?

2

Task: How is racism or race in general expressed in today's society? Draw a mind map.



3

Task: Have you ever encountered a similar experience described by Barack Obama? Has anyone ever called you names? Did you ever experience anyone not trusting you because of the way you looked? Did a store detective ever follow you around when you were trying to buy anything? Did anyone ever judge you according to your looks?



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