



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1929-1968

Martin Luther King, JR. was born to Reverend and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a very intelligent child and entered the Yonge Street Elementary School before the age of six. He later attended Booker T. Washington High School. Dr. King was able to enter Morehouse College without graduating from high school because of his high scores on the college entrance examination. Dr. King graduated from Morehouse in 1948 and attended Crozier Theological Seminary where he studied to become a minister like his father. He received a doctorate degree in 1955 from Boston University. Dr. King married Coretta Scott in 1953 and they were the parents of four children.

Dr. King became involved with the Civil Rights Movement in America and encouraged African Americans to stand up for their civil rights. He organized marches and gave speeches making America aware of the discrimination African Americans received in America.

Dr. King wrote speeches and six books about the civil rights of African Americans. He preached non-violence and helped African Americans to be treated with respect. Many Americans did not like his teachings and Dr. King was killed in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968. Funeral services were held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta and Dr. King was buried in Atlanta at the King Center. He will be remembered as the leader of the Civil Rights movement in America.

Name _____ Date _____

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. Why was Martin Luther King able to enter Morehouse College without graduating from high school? _____

2. Name two things Dr. King did to make America aware of the discrimination of African Americans? _____

3. What did Dr. King study at Crozier Theological Seminary and at Boston University? _____

4. Who do you think inspired Dr. King to become a Minister? _____

5. What did Dr. King preach and write about? _____

6. Why was Dr. King killed in 1968? _____

7. What will Dr. King be remembered for? _____

