Martin Luther King, Jr. | Worksheet



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Why do you think we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day every year?







K What I Know	W What I Wonder	L What I Learned

Directions: Circle the correct answer.

- 1. Racism was particularly difficult for black people in the South in the 1960s because of:
 - a. Slavery
 - b. Legal racial segregation
 - c. The Civil War
- 2. Segregation meant that things like schools, swimming pools, bathrooms, movie theaters, and such could be ______ for white-only or black-only, as long as they were _____.
 - a. Separate, Different
 - b. Separate, Equal
 - c. Together, Different



3.	One place where the races couldn't be separated was: a. Public Transportation b. Schools c. Churches
4.	Rosa Parks, a good friend of MLK's in Montgomery, Alabama, was arrested for: a. Fighting someone b. Going to a white grocery store c. Refusing to give up her seat on a bus
5.	In response to Rosa Parks' arrest, MLK Jr. organized the black community and led a boycott in which they all agreed to: a. Not shop at the grocery store until laws were changed, and they received justice b. Not go to school until laws were changed, and they received justice c. Not take the bus until laws were changed, and they received justice
6.	All of the protests in different places became known as the, and Martin Luther King Jr. became its most famous leader. a. Civil Rights Movement b. Civil Rights Act c. I Have A Dream Movement
7.	On August 28, 1963, MLK Jr. and others held the, and more than a quarter million people of all races went to hear his "I Have A Dream" speech. a. March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom b. March on Washington for Freedom and Justice c. Bus Boycott
8.	Martin Luther King Jr. and other Civil Rights leaders were invited to visit the White House and speak with President a. Abraham Lincoln b. John F. Kennedy c. Ronald Reagan
9.	MLK Jr. helped set the stage for laws to be passed called the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1965. What did these laws NOT do? a. Ban legal segregation b. Outlaw discrimination based on race c. Give every race their own public transportation d. Make voting possible for every legal citizen

	g Connections: Martin Luther King Jr. is a very famous example of someone who stood up for what was right. In the video, what advice does MLK Jr. give to Leo and Layla? How can you apply this advice to your own life? Provide an example.
10	Complete the rest of MLK Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech:
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	"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 of their"
13.	What do you think the above quote from the "I Have A Dream" Speech means?
14.	What is your dream for our country? Complete the sentence below with your own words
15.	After watching the video, why do you think we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day?

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Warm-Up Activity:

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Check students' KWL Chart for completion.

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- 10. What gave Martin Luther King Jr. the strength to love his neighbors and remain peaceful, even when people acted in ways he didn't like? <u>His Christian faith</u>

Making Connections

- 11. Martin Luther King Jr. is a famous example of someone who stood up for what was right. In the video, what advice does MLK Jr. give to Leo and Layla? How can you apply this advice to your own life? Provide an example.

 Sample answer: In the video, MLK Jr. teaches Leo and Layla that overcoming hate with non violence by not stooping to the aggregors' level makes a more significant impact.
 - non-violence by not stooping to the aggressors' level makes a more significant impact than reciprocating with violence. He inspires with the words, "Only when it is dark enough can you see the stars," encouraging peaceful advocacy even in challenging situations.
- 12. Complete the rest of MLK Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech:

 "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."
- 13. What do you think the above quote from the "I Have A Dream" Speech means?

 Sample Answer: I think this quote means that Martin Luther King Jr. hoped that one day his children would not be treated poorly because of their skin color, but instead, people would start caring more about people's actions and moral qualities.
- 14. What is your dream for our country? Complete the sentence below with your own words. Answers will vary.
- 15. After watching the video, why do you think we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day?

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