

# Martin Luther King, Jr. Lesson Plans and Bulletin Board

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**Approximate Length of Time:** 50-70 minutes

## **Goal:**

Students will be able to understand the important role Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had on the Civil Rights Movement and why he is still celebrated as one of the most influential people in American history.

## **Objectives:**

1. Students will be able to reflect on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
2. Students will be able to identify why Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life mission for peace and equality is celebrated today.

## **Materials:**

Book: Martin's Big Words, The life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. By Doreen Rappaport

Movie: The Witness from the Balcony of Room 306

The Witness Quiz

Construction paper

Bulletin Board Boarder

Colored envelopes

Favorite MLK Photos

Favorite MLK Quote

Glue Sticks

Scissors

## **Anticipatory Set/Hook:**

A great way to start this lesson would be to dress up as MLK and begin reciting the 'I Have a Dream' speech. Ask questions like who was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? What role did he play in the Civil Rights movement? Why was the 'I Have a Dream' speech so significant?

**Procedures:**

- 1) Hook the students' attention by performing the 'I have a dream' speech to them.
- 2) Read the book Martin's Big Words, the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Doreen Rappaport.
- 3) Watch the movie, *The Witness from the Balcony of Room 306* and discuss the role MLK played in the Civil Rights Movement.
- 4) Give the students an opportunity to complete The Witness quiz.
- 5) Set up the MLK Quiz Bulletin Board and encourage students to quiz their knowledge.

**Closure:**

Why is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. remembered today as an important figure of the Civil Rights Movement? What can we do to commemorate the life of MLK?

**Assessment:**

- 1) Encourage the students to take the MLK quiz on the bulletin board.
- 2) Assign the students to complete the Witness worksheet after watching movie, *The Witness*.

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### The Witness Quiz

Directions: Watch the movie 'The Witness' and answer the questions below in complete sentences.

- 1) What were the names of the other two preachers who were with Dr. King during his final hour?  
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- 2) What was the name of the last speech that Dr. King gave?  
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- 3) Why was Dr. King feeling nervous during his final speech?  
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- 4) What was the name of the church where Dr. King gave his last speech?  
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- 5) Where was Dr. King going when he got shot?  
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- 6) Why was Dr. King in Memphis, Tennessee?  
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- 7) What does the NAACP stand for?  
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- 8) Why did Dr. King say that he would never see forty?  
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- 9) How did Dr. King feel towards the people that broke the windows during the protest?  
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- 10) How did the media react to Dr. King's assassination?  
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# **Martin Luther King, Jr. Bulletin Board Quiz Questions**

- 1. What was the first Civil Rights action Dr. Martin Luther King involved in?**
- 2. Which prestigious award did Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. win in 1964?**
- 3. In which city and state was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. born?**
- 4. What year was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated?**
- 5. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led an important protest against what on April 3, 1968?**
- 6. Which event might be viewed as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s most significant as a Civil Rights leader?**
- 7. Name the international icon whose techniques were imitated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**
- 8. At what age did Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. attend Morehouse College?**
- 9. At what age was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated?**
- 10. What does the NAACP stand for?**

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

