

# Martin Luther King Jr.

**Backstory:** Martin Luther grew up during the Great Depression. His dad was a pastor and his mom was a teacher yet they had enough money to eat which was good. When Martin was a young boy he was friends with a little white boy. This boy's father said they could not become friends because Martin was black. This was Martin's first look at segregation.

**Inspiration:** Martin Luther King Jr. was inspired to be so peaceful by famous, peaceful people like Gandhi. When Martin was little, he read a book about Gandhi which was one of his first inspirations to peaceful ways. Gandhi was a main leader in India's freedom from Britain. He is famous for his peacefulness. This is one of Gandhi's quotes: "Hate the sin, love the sinner."

**Now they changed the world:** Martin Luther had a vision that race would not matter and that everyone would be treated the same. He played a major role into becoming the country we are today. His most important action that impacted us is his, "I Have a Dream Speech." He is such an important figure in race equalities that he has his own holiday and memorial!

**What do people do to celebrate:** People celebrate Martin Luther king Jr all round the world on the third Monday of the year, on Martin Luther King Day. What do people do on that day to celebrate? Many kids learn about him at school, do a project, read books, and so many other things. He is one of the only Americans who have a holiday named after them.

**Summary:** Martin Luther King Jr. was not only known for standing against segregation (inequalities), but also being a very peaceful man. I chose Martin Luther king Jr. because he has a peaceful man and always took the peaceful route. He changed the world with peaceful intentions.