

IDEAS TO OBSERVE THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

RESOURCES:

LIFE Magazine image gallery

LIFE magazine has an extensive photo archive documenting Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement.



http://www.timelifepictures.com/MS_TIMEPIX/source/home/home.aspx

The King Center

Established in 1968 by Coretta Scott King, The King Center is the official, living memorial dedicated to the advancement of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of America's greatest nonviolent movement for justice, equality and peace.

<http://www.thekingcenter.org/>

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project at Stanford University

Stanford University has developed an extensive official collection of Dr. King's writings, sermons, letters, and other documents. The site contains downloadable text and audio clips of King's most famous speeches, information on King's life as well as a Liberation Curriculum. The Liberation Curriculum initiative provides teachers with educational materials that engage students in active learning and critical inquiry. This is an excellent resource for primary source material on King's life.

<http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/>

Southern Poverty Law Center

This web project of the Southern Poverty Law Center spirals around three themes: *Tolerance Watch*, *Do Something*, and *Dig Deeper*. Visitors find a variety of resources: links to current event articles, interactive surveys to explore your hidden biases, information bulletins regarding methods to deconstruct biased language, and a variety of practical "how to" guides—*10 ways to Fight Hate*, *101 Tools for Tolerance*, *Respond to Hate at School*, *Mix It Up at Lunch*.

<http://www.tolerance.org/>

Top Ten Resources for Purchase

The Website *About.com* ranks a collection of books, movies and resources about Dr. King.
<http://www.racerelations.about.com/library/gguide/aatp010802.htm>

The Seattle Times: Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr.

This is a great site from our local *Seattle Times* that features documents, timelines, photos, lesson plans, comments from student readers, school project ideas, links, and an interactive quiz. It also has audio comments about Dr. King from the Seattle Sonic players.

<http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/mlk/>

Wall Calendar

A commemorative calendar of the 20th anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday is available at *calendars.com* for \$14.99. All proceeds from the sale of the calendar support the work of The King Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

<http://www.calendars.com/xq/asp/PID.1/MGID.2420/IID.13908/qx/product.htm>

Louisiana State University Library, Baton Rouge, LA.

This site includes a lot of text. Within the text is a large number of links to other useful sites. The beginning is dedicated to Martin Luther King, Jr. The rest of the text is about Black History Month. Great for research papers and choosing topics related to Black History

<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/hum/mlk/>

Chico High School Library

This site contains many Internet resources to help people understand Dr. King's life and observe his birthday.

<http://dewey.chs.chico.k12.ca.us/king.html>

Dr. King's 1964 Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech

This is a good resource for a study on non-violence, civil rights, or government. The speech contains concepts relevant to today's world. From the Nobel Prize web site.

<http://nobelprize.org/peace/laureates/1964/king-lecture.html>

***TeachersFirst.com* Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.**

A page from *TeachersFirst.com*, a web resource for K-12 classroom teachers who want useful resources and lesson plans. *TeachersFirst.com* is a division of Network for Instructional TV, Inc., a not-for-profit learning technologies corporation.

<http://www.teachersfirst.com/mlk.htm>

ACTIVITIES:

All Hands Together

Students find a piece of multicultural construction paper that most matches their skin color then trace their handprints. The handprints can then be arranged symbolically and displayed.

Civil Rights Memorial

Architect Maya Lin carved 40 important moments of the Civil Rights Movement into a circle of black granite. Why these 40? Explore the answers through different mediums of art, discussion, drama, and writing.

<http://www.tolerance.org/memorial/>

Nobel Prizes/Peace Grams

Dr. King earned the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Send "Nobel Prizes" to people modeling justice, equality, or fairness. A higher risk activity could be the idea of sending "Peace Grams" to seek resolutions, make amends, or build bridges.

MLK Day of Service

This Web site promotes the idea that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday should be a day ON, rather than a day OFF. The site asks students to live up to Dr. King's ideals by engaging in service projects to help those less fortunate.

<http://www.mlkday.org/>

Reenactments

Recreate scenes from the video "Eyes on the Prize" that show the great fear of the participants coupled with the innate feeling that what they were doing was right.

Songs of the Civil Rights Movement

Singing songs together bolstered the spirits of the Civil Rights workers during tumultuous times. A group sing-along can give students a glimpse of the history and drama of the Civil Rights Movement. Songs: "*We shall Overcome*," "*This Little Light of Mine*," "*Keep Your Eyes on the Prize*," "*Lift Every Voice and Sing*," "*Go Tell It on the Mountain*," "*Follow the Drinking Gourd*," "*Amazing Grace*," "*Free at Last*," "*Zion's Children*."

Reference article on songs of the Civil Rights Movement from Silver Burdett:

<http://www.sbgmusic.com/html/teacher/reference/historical/civilrights.html>

Lesson Ideas

Ten adaptable lesson ideas from a variety of sources from Lin and Don Donn's personal Web page.

<http://members.aol.com/MrDonnLessons/USHolidays.html#MLK>

Web Activities

The *Holidays on the Net* site offers web-based activities for the King Holiday.

<http://www.holidays.net/>