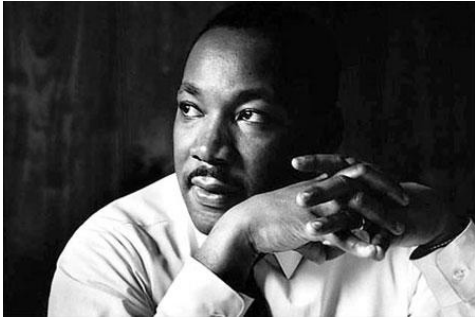


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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Black History Month in the United States

January 10, 2018

"I have a dream"

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history.

Watch the clip below to learn more:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5RIKuH3tXM&index=4&list=PLob1mZcVWOah6_a-zFQkHLc16dE4f2-Zs

The Civil Rights movement leaders began with Frederick Douglass, an emancipated slave and through the Civil Rights Movement leader Martin Luther King Jr, and all the way to the first African-American President, Barack Obama. Leaders have been preaching freedom, equality, rights and brotherhood.

During the Civil Rights movement, there was a large protest called The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. 250,000 people marched to Washington DC and in a non-violent way. Martin Luther King gave his "I have a dream" speech which is famous till today. Watch the clip below to learn more.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjL1E3R9dF4&list=PLob1mZcVWOah6_a-zFQkHLc16dE4f2-Zs&index=5

Vocabulary and terms to find out about: (Google search)

Slavery
Segregation
De-segregation
Social injustice
Jim Crow Laws
Civil rights
NAACP



Names to research:

Frederick Douglass
Rosa Parks
Martin Luther King Jr
Reverend Al Sharpton
President Barack Obama

Martin Luther King, Jr. - biography

Martin Luther King Jr was a civil rights activist in the 1950s and 1960s. He led nonviolent protests to fight for the rights of all people including African Americans. He hoped that America and the world would become a colorblind society where race would not impact a person's civil rights. He is considered one of the greatest speakers of modern times and his speeches still inspire people today.

During Black History months students of all ages learn about the history of African American freedom in the United States.

. Some of the history was violent, some was nonviolent protest. Today, African Americans have the same rights as all Americans according to the law, although there is still social injustice around the country. There were many riots around the country over the years and lately, in the news, there are white police officers using unnecessary force on African Americans far too often.

Your Challenge: 30	Go to these links to Martin Luther King’s speech at the March on Washington “I have a dream”. Read: (an excerpt) I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, <u>that all men are created equal.</u>” I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where⁸⁸ they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today. Listen: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l47Y6VHc3Ms Write about: Which sentences were the most important in your opinion? Is the message relevant today? How is the speech relevant to us in Israel today? Does the speech reflect your own ideas and beliefs? Explain.
Dig In:	Learn more about Black History Month: Use the information you find to write about 4 major events in Black American history that were pivotal (caused change) in American History. Answer these guiding questions: A. How did Frederick Douglass affect the abolition of slavery? B. How did Rosa Parks begin the Civil Rights Movement? C. How did the March on Washington and Martin Luther King affect the Civil Rights Movement? D. How did Martin Luther King’s assassination affect the Civil Rights

	movement?
Get Creative:	Choose one of the following and present to the class: A. Create a poster of photos with captions about Slavery and the abolition of slavery in the United States B. Create a short film about the Civil Rights movement and Martin Luther King's speech C. Create a PowerPoint presentation for the class which shows the timeline of events from the days of slavery to Barack Obama's presidency. Give time for questions at the end.
Resources:	http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/history/martin-luther-king-jr/ https://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/famoushistoricalfigures/martinlutherkingjr/ http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month http://bit.ly/2zMXpPY www.ducksters.com/biography/martin_luther_king_jr.php