



# The life of Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights movement

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# Growing up

- Martin Luther King was born in 1929.
- MLK experience racial segregation at young age being sent to a all-black school.
- At age 14 he was forced to give his bus seat.
- He remarks about giving up the seat as "the angriest I've ever been in my life".



- There was a heavy presence of segregation in Georgia when MLK was young.
- Everything from public bathrooms and to restaurants were segregated.
- Even went as far as having different hospitals for blacks and whites.
- The quality in the segregated differed with the whites having the better facilities.



# Civil rights work

# Montgomery Bus Boycott



- Martin Luther King started his long path for civil rights in Montgomery, Alabama.
- The Montgomery bus boycott got its break when Rosa Parks was arrested on 1 December 1955.
- The Boycott lasted for 13 months ending in 1956 when bus segregation ruled was unconstitutional.
- King's tactics of mass nonviolent protest paved the way for battling segregation in the South.

# March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom

- August the 23rd 1963 king uttered his most famous words 'I have a dream'.
- Over 200,000 gathered to hear his speech in front of the Lincoln memorial.
- MLK called for civil and economic rights and an end to racism in the United States.
- King's 'I have a dream' speech was a important moment of the civil rights movement.



# Selma to Montgomery marches



- The first March occurred on March 7, 1965 and became known as Bloody Sunday.
- The marchers were stopped by the sheriff who with the state troopers beat the marches leaving 17 hospitalized.
- The events of March 7 were filmed by the media.
- As a result Lyndon B Johnson call upon Alabama National Guard to protect the Second march from Selma to Montgomery