

# Martin Luther King, Jr.

National Historical Park



OFFICIAL ACTIVITY BOOKLET

# NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service (NPS) was created by an Act of Congress on August 25, 1916. This new federal agency within the Department of the Interior was established to manage the original fourteen national parks, 21 national monuments, and 2 reservations in the Department.

Over the years new national parks and monuments have been added, as well as new classifications created for units such as national historic sites, national recreation areas, etc. Today there are over 400 units that make up the National Park System.

Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site was established on October 10, 1980 by an Act of Congress. The National Historical Park designation was championed by Congressman John Lewis and signed by the President on January 8, 2018.

Located in Atlanta, Georgia this park preserves protects and interprets the places where Martin Luther King, Jr. was born, lived, worked, worshiped and is buried.

For more information contact:  
Superintendent  
Martin Luther King, Jr., NHP  
450 Auburn Avenue, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30312-1525  
Phone: 404-331-5190  
[www.nps.gov/malu](http://www.nps.gov/malu)

# How to Become a Junior Ranger

## This Book Belongs To:

Junior Ranger photo/drawing here.

All children between the ages of 6 and 12 can become a Junior Ranger of the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historical Park:

- \*Ages 6-7, complete any five pages.
- \*Ages 8-10 complete any eight pages.
- \*Ages 10-12 & up must complete the entire booklet.

## Tips for Completing the Activities

**Helpful Hint BOX:** You can look online for answers at:  
[Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park Website](http://www.martinlutherking.com)

- 1) Attend one park ranger-led program or film presentation while visiting the park. This step will assist you in completing some of the more difficult activities.
- 2) If you come to a difficult section of an activity, ask your parents, friends, or a Park Ranger for help.

**Helpful Hint BOX:** If completing the booklet from home  
You can call a Park Ranger at: (404) 331-5190  
Or, email a Ranger at:  
[MALU\\_Education\\_Programs@nps.gov](mailto:MALU_Education_Programs@nps.gov)

- 3) Submit this booklet to a Park Ranger at the information desk, which is located in the Visitor Center at 450 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA.

If you are unable to complete the activity booklet before you leave, complete your booklet at home and mail to the park address listed below. Upon receiving your booklet, we will send you an official Junior Ranger Badge and Certificate along with your completed activity booklet.

Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
NHP Junior Ranger Program  
450 Auburn Avenue, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30312-1525



# Civil Rights in the NPS

On August 28, 1963 Dr. King delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, which is managed by the National Park Service. On October 10, 1980 President Jimmy Carter signed the bill that created the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site (NHS) in Atlanta, Georgia. Additional units have been added to the National Park System that commemorate the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and '60s: Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park (NHP) created in 1993, Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail (NHT) in 1996, Little Rock Central High School NHS in 1998, Pullman NHP in 2015, Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument in 2023 and the Blackwell School NHS in 2024.

For a complete list go to:  
[go.nps.gov/AACRN](https://go.nps.gov/AACRN)

**Please answer the following 5-Questions relating to other civil rights struggles.** For further assistance, you may use the wall map located at the Visitor Center.

1.) Mormon Pioneer NHT follows the route that the Mormons took when moving from Illinois to Utah. Why do you think the Mormons moved so many times?

2.) Name the National Historical Park in Pennsylvania where our founding fathers met to create a "more perfect Union."

3.) Name the National Historical Park in upstate New York which commemorates the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848 and the early leaders of the Women's Rights Movement in the United States.

4.) Name the National Historic Site in southern California which commemorates the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

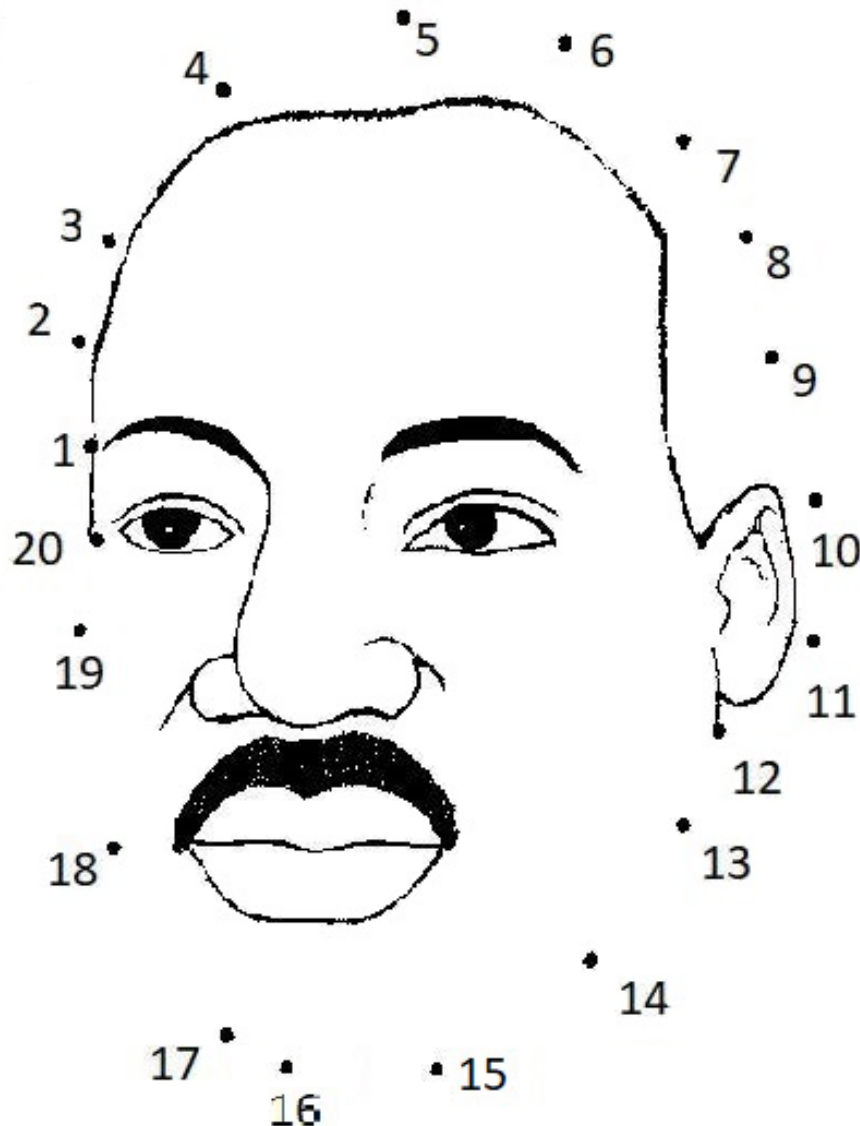
5.) Trail of Tears National Historic Trail commemorates the forced removal of thousands of American Indians from their homelands in the Southeastern United States, during the winter of 1838-39. Why is it called the Trail of Tears?

**Helpful Hint BOX:** You can look online for answers at:  
[National Park Service Sites Maps](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/maps/)



# Connecting the Dots

Connect the dots and finish forming the face of this historical African American.  
Once you have completed the picture, list the name of the person in the space provided below.



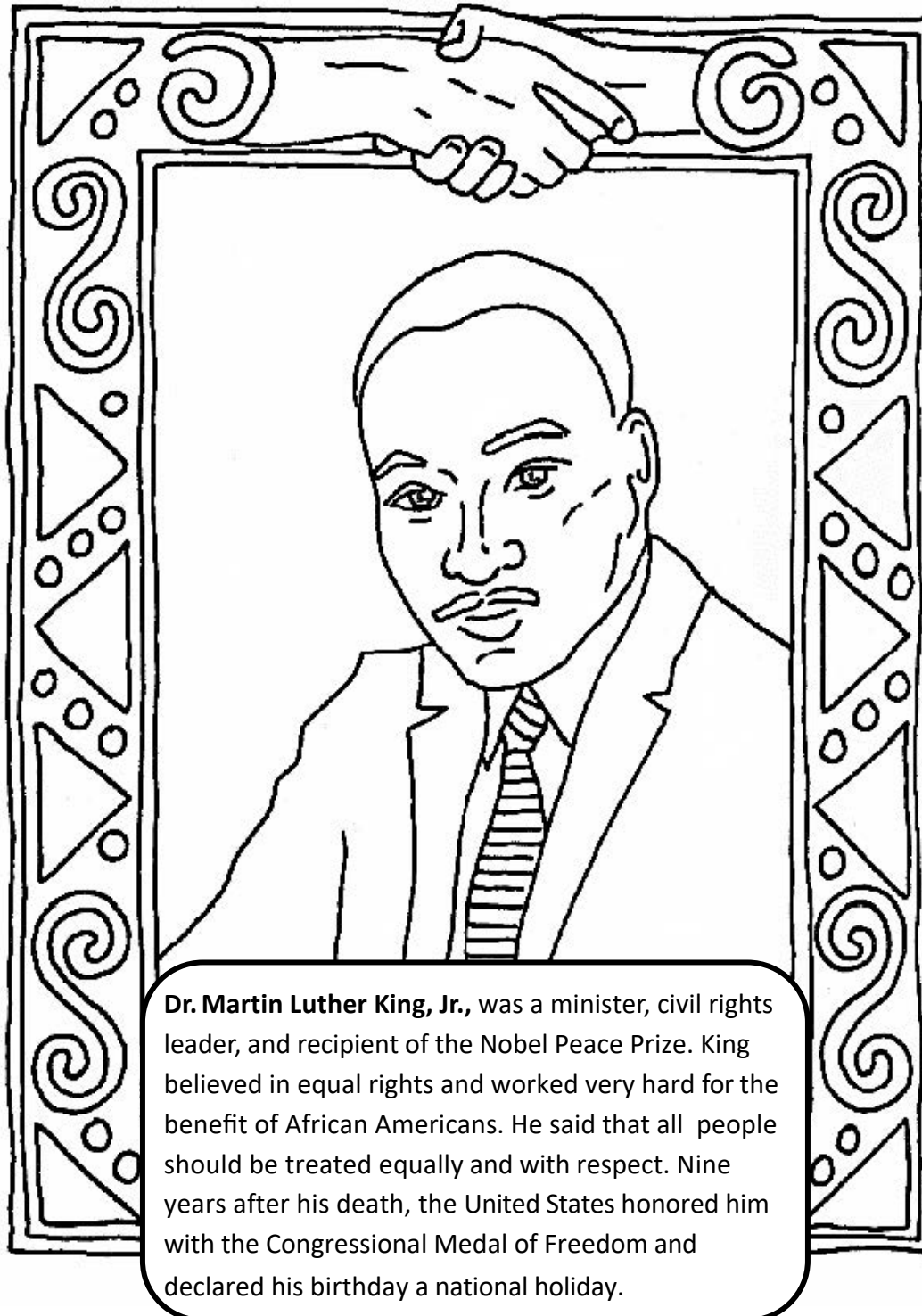
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# Coloring

Use your imagination to color this portrait of Martin Luther King, Jr. If you are in the park, ask a park ranger at the front desk of the Visitor Center for crayons.



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# Word Matching

Complete the following activity by matching each of the words with its correct definition.

~~Dream~~

Leadership

Nonviolence

Minister

Struggle

Segregation

1. Dream A strongly held goal or a purpose.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ A process helping and encouraging others to meet their goals.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The practice of solving problems without using violence.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ A person authorized to perform or assist with religious ceremony and worship.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The condition of being legally separated due to a law of inequality.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ To move forward with great effort in the face of difficulties.

# Exploring this Park

This park is made up of different sections, which include: **The Reflecting Pool, Freedom Hall (King Center), The Visitor Center, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birth Home, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Historic Fire Station No.6 and Freedom Walkway.** Match the words below with the correct sentence. If you do not have enough time to visit all sections of the park, you may ask a park ranger for help at your nearest location.

Birth Home

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Freedom Hall (King Center)

Reflecting Pool

Visitor Center

Ticket

1. Personal items of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s and Mrs. Coretta Scott King's are displayed in a room located on the second floor of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The "Courage to Lead" exhibit is located in the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. While living in Atlanta, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his family were all members of \_\_\_\_\_, which is located on the corner of Auburn Avenue and Jackson Street.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ is where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King, are buried.
5. Before taking a tour of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s \_\_\_\_\_ you must sign up and claim your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Helpful Hint BOX:** You can look online for Answers at: [Plan Your Visit](#)





# Research and Discuss

In the "Courage to Lead" exhibit at the Visitor Center find two displays that most interest you. In the spaces provided below, give the title of the (2) displays and a brief description explaining why they are interesting. If you need assistance in understanding a display, ask a parent or park ranger for help.

**Helpful Hint BOX:** You can study the online text and photos for answers:  
[Visitor Center - Courage to Lead, Freedom Road & DREAM Gallery Exhibits](#)

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# Organizations

Throughout the "Courage to Lead" exhibit (located in the Visitor Center), there are names of organizations that were involved in the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Many of these organizations may be more commonly known by their **acronym**.

Please write the organizations' full name next to the acronym.

**Acronym:** A word formed by the first letters of a name. For example: NPS is an acronym for National Park Service.

**Helpful Hint BOX:** Use a Search Engine online & type in the 4 or 5 letters, Ex: in Google type "C O R E acronym" .

CORE \_\_\_\_\_

MIA \_\_\_\_\_

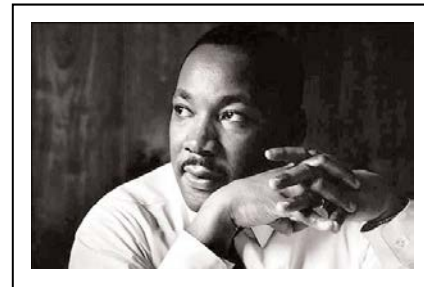
MFDP \_\_\_\_\_

NAACP \_\_\_\_\_

SNCC \_\_\_\_\_

SCLC \_\_\_\_\_

Equal rights for all people are still goals for some organizations today. List the names of four other organizations promoting a better world for everyone to live in.



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# Dr. King Word Search

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Using the Word Search Key - Circle each hidden word in this puzzle.

## Word Search KEY

PREJUDICE  
EQUAL RIGHTS  
FREEDOM  
BOYCOTT  
SEGREGATION

JUSTICE  
LIBERTY  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
MINISTER  
I HAVE A DREAM

# What is your Dream?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was an intelligent man who made powerful speeches. One of his speeches describes his dream of equality and peace for all people. Dr. King sought to create a change by ending segregation in America. In the space provided below, develop your own "I Have a Dream" speech. Within your speech, describe what changes you would make in order to better the world that we live in today.



**Helpful Hint BOX:** Go to this Educational Site to hear and read Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" Speech: [Dr. Kings "I Have a Dream" speech.](#)

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# Draw your Dream!

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# CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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**JUNIOR PARK RANGER**

At

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

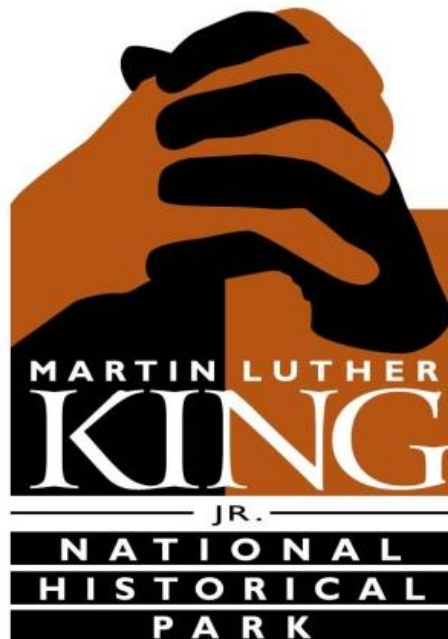
Park Ranger

Date



**Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

**National Park Service**  
**U.S. Department of Interior**



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To learn more about the online NPS Junior Ranger program, visit  
[www.nps.gov/kids/junior-ranger-online.htm](http://www.nps.gov/kids/junior-ranger-online.htm) or [www.nps.gov/malu/learn/kidsyouth/beajuniorranger.htm](http://www.nps.gov/malu/learn/kidsyouth/beajuniorranger.htm)