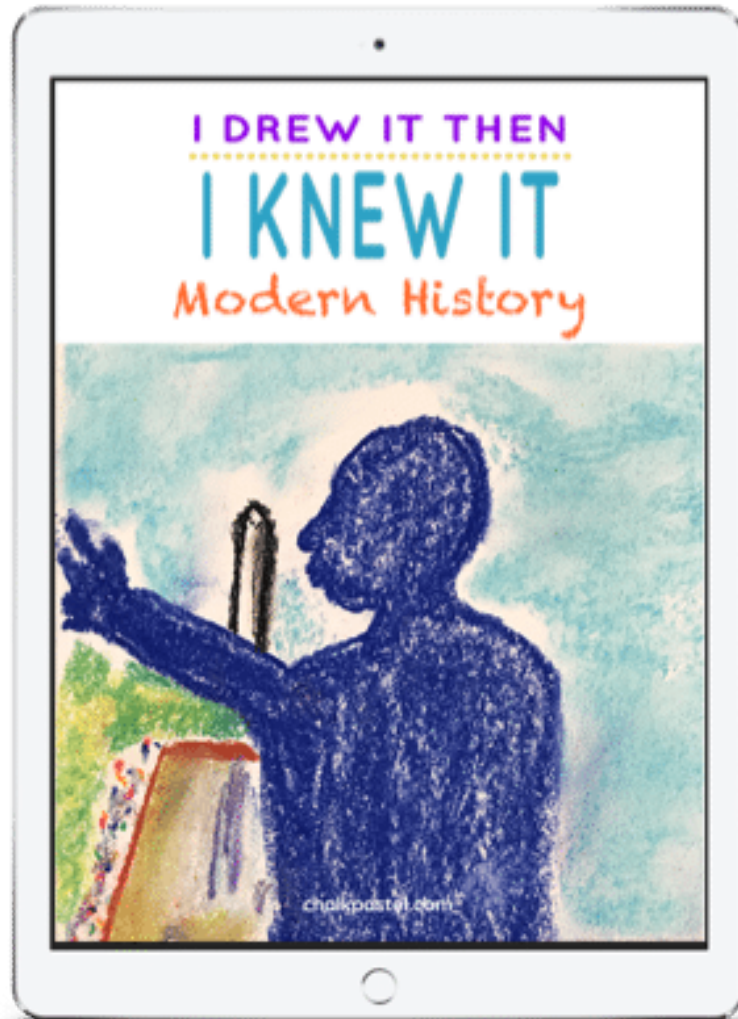


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5 Fast Facts

Martin Luther King Jr

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Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested 29 times in his lifetime.

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On October 14, 1964, MLK Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance.

03

James Earl Ray fatally shot Martin Luther King Jr. at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

04

MLK Jr. entered college at the age of 15. He was admitted to Morehouse College in 1944 and graduated in 1948 with a B.A. in Sociology at the age of 19.

05

Martin Luther King Jr. gave his most memorable speech on August 28, 1963. Two hundred fifty thousand people marched to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. for civil rights and heard "[I Have a Dream.](#)"

Biography

Here is a short biography. We encourage you to research and discover on your own if you want a more comprehensive look at the topic. Books, internet searches, and more can help you uncover even more fascinating information.

Martin Luther King Jr

Martin Luther King Jr. was born Michael King Jr. on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. King would be the second child of three born to Michael King and Alberta King. King's father, Michael King Sr., was a Baptist Minister, and his mother Alberta helped significantly with their church, the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

King's father moved from assistant pastor to head pastor of the church in 1931 and raised the attendance from six hundred to several thousand. In 1934, King Sr. went on a multinational trip to meet at the Baptist National Alliance. On his trip, he visited Germany and witnessed the rise of Naziism. In addition, he was significantly influenced by the Reformation leader, Martin Luther. Once he returned home, he changed his name to Martin Luther King and his son's to Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. grew up in a Biblically sound home that read the Bible aloud daily, and their family was heavily involved in their church. King Jr. also grew up in a world where he witnessed racism very early on in his life. He experienced segregation first-hand as he had to attend an all-black school. Martin Luther King Jr. and his family experienced various counts of discrimination just because of the color of their skin.

King Jr. was greatly influenced by watching his father in 1936 as he organized hundreds of local African Americans to march for civil rights. King Jr. witnessed his father stand up to discrimination and segregation his whole life, which propelled Martin Luther King Jr. to continue his legacy into his adulthood.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist Minister and one of the most influential civil rights activists of our time. King Jr. led the civil rights movement from 1955 until he was assassinated in 1968.