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Dr. Martin Luther King JR was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta Georgia and died on April 4, 1968 by an assassination at St. Joseph's Hospital, Memphis. He was married to Coretta Scott King an American author and who also helped with the civil rights movement in the 1960's. She met Dr. Martin Luther King while graduating from Boston. They had 4 kids 2 boys and 2 girls, Martin Luther king III, Bernice King, Yolanda King, and Dexter Scott King. Dr. King had a dream it was for Jobs and Freedom In Washington on August 28, 1963 he had a speech which he called for civil rights and economic rights to end racism in the United States. He made many quotes such as "Darkness cannot drive out Darkness; Only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; Only love can do that" What he means by this is Hate begets Hate which is violence begets violence toughness begets higher toughness darkness to night already devoid of stars.

He had a famous speech named "I have a dream" Which made a difference world wide in the economy Due to the fact that it was talking about racism and is talking about rights. The other Speech he had was "our god is marching on" This meaning is to mark an end of the civil rights movement's first phase focusing on legal and political rights, Later on It focuses on fighting for economic equality. Another is "the other America" Which describes 2 Americas to highlight the growing poverty gap in the United States root of inequality.

He also skipped grades 9 and 12 and entered college at the age of 15 in 1944 at Morehouse college. Also he got imprisoned nearly 30 times for acts of civil disobedience and on trump charges such as getting arrested in Montgomery, Alabama for driving 30 miles per hour instead of 25 mile per hour zone. The most important thing Martin Luther king Jr did was being a civil rights leader and activist who had a great deal that influenced Americans and societies in the 1950's and 1960's. With his strong belief in nonviolence helped set the tone of the movement.

He had help from Rosa Parks Who was tired of being a second class Just because she had to surrender her seat to a white male, She was 42 years old when she met Martin Luther King on December 1st 1955. They worked together in the civil rights movement and the peace movement He also was a Baptist minister at a church and a social activist.

In my own eyes he is a hero in many ways he helped Negroes get their voice and start doing movement through motivation to get the rights they deserved and needed as citizens. With all the hard work it paid off and the motivation started moving forward to stop the segregation and the abuse that they had treated them the way they did, Me In my opinion He is an American hero with all the other heroes for helping people in segregation. Thank you Dr. Martin Luther King we salute you.