

Martin Luther King

Book key

- 1 a civil rights, freedom, peace, voting rights
b boycott, demonstrate, march, protest, riot
(also, possibly, bomb, violence)
- 2 a no b yes c no
- 3 Open answers
- 4 a Washington, D.C.
b Daddy King (Martin Luther King's father)
c Atlanta d Montgomery (Alabama)
e Connecticut
- 5 a 1620 b 1807 c 1861–65 d 1896 e 1909
f 1954 g 1955
- 6–9 Open answers
- 10 a ✓ b ✗ c ✓ d ✓ e ✓ f ✗ g ✗
- 11 a Mrs. Parks was arrested for refusing to give her seat to a white person.
b Martin Luther King joined the boycotters in jail.
c Segregation on buses in the United States became illegal.
- 12–14 Open answers
- 15 a 3 b 4 c 2 d 1 e 5
- 16 ✓: b, c, e
- 17 a King said this to the people in his church because he was very worried. He was prepared to die for his people.
b A guard at the court room said this to King because King tried to get inside. King wanted to speak to Abernathy.
c King thought this because the police were driving him 500 kilometers through dark country roads in the early hours of the morning.
d Daddy King said this to the people at Ebenezer Church because he was grateful to JFK for his help.
- 18 a After he talked to the judge, King was freed on bail.
b He sent soldiers to stop the segregationists' attack on the Freedom Riders.
c They moved people out of a church where segregationists were becoming violent.
- 19–20 Open answers
- 21 a nine b riot c King's d demonstrations
e police
- 22 ✓: a, c, e
- 23 a He was the state leader of Alabama and he promised to continue segregation in the state colleges.
b The SCLC organized protest marches for the civil rights campaign. It held important discussions with business and church leaders.
c He was Birmingham's police chief and a segregationist. He gave orders to the police to arrest and attack black children.
- 24 Open answers
- 25 a Selma, Alabama b Montgomery, Alabama
c Washington, D.C. d South Vietnam
e Watts, in Los Angeles f Chicago
g Memphis, Tennessee h Memphis
- 26 a This made King happy because black people finally won the right to vote.
b This worried King because he did not believe in violence.
c This worried King because he did not want more riots and violence.
d This worried King because he did not believe in the use of violence. The money was needed for houses for poor people in the U.S.
e This made King happy. He and black Americans will die and go to the Promised Land.
- 27–34 Open answers

Discussion activities key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 a True
b African-Americans suffered because of laws in the American South.
c Segregation means that a black person cannot sit next to a white person on the bus.
d King wanted all protests and marches to be non-violent.
e True

3–13 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

- 1 a February 15, 1948
b August 28, 1963
c 1896
d December 1, 1955
e 1807
f May 16, 1954
g 1865
h December 1955

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- 2 a 3 b 1 c 2 d 1
- 3 a free b poor c black d white e changed
- 4 a She was a singer.
b She was King's secretary.
c Because King's work was important.
d Four.
e Because people wanted to kill him.
- 5 Open answers
- 6 The black taxi companies, the MIA and world opinion were for the boycott. The bus company, the KKK, the politicians and the police were against the boycott.
- 7 a Because he didn't agree with the U.S. war with Mexico.
b Freedom from British rule.
- 8 a 3 b 5 c 7 d 10 e 1 f 6 g 9 h 8
i 4 j 2
- 9 a Because the newspapers always wrote about it.
b Because the world was watching.
c Because it was a prison for the worst criminals.
d He said he wasn't a politician.
- 10 a 4 b 2 c 5 d 1 e 3 f 7 g 6
- 11 a Because Orval Faubus, state leader, was breaking the law.
b "Never!"
c They could not believe their eyes.
d He did not want another war between the South and the North in America.
e About 50,000.
f John F. Kennedy was shot dead. The KKK murdered four young school girls in a church in Birmingham.
g Because black and white city leaders sat down and ate together.
- 12 a 4 b 1 c 7 d 3 e 2 f 5 g 8 h 6
- 13 a listen b defend c work d riot e end
f give g get
- 14 a King spoke to workers who wanted higher pay on the day before he died.
b King was killed outside of a hotel.
c There were riots in 110 cities when Americans heard that King was dead.
d One hundred and twenty million people watched King's funeral on television.
e King's killer was sent to prison for thirty years.

Progress test key

- 1 a speech b name c books d college
e church f seats g cloth h gun
- 2 a ✓ b ✗ c ? d ✓ e ✗ f ✗ g ?
- 3 a King met Coretta Scott in Boston.
b After she married King, Coretta sang and gave the money to the civil rights campaign.
c On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks did not give her seat to a white person on the bus.
d The KKK was an organization in the South which attacked black people.
e Thoreau was an American writer who refused to obey laws that he did not agree with.
f Gandhi was an Indian who studied law and believed in peaceful protest.
- 4 a Ghana b bookstore c prison
d John F. Kennedy (JFK) e "Whites only" seats
f rocks g soldiers
- 5 a F – King wrote the letter to a group of white preachers.
b T
c F – There were more than 200,000 marchers and almost one quarter were white.
d F – They were not sent to prison for many years.
e T
- 6 a on the voting list
b police
c state building
d against
e the SNCC
f poor and hopeless
g riots