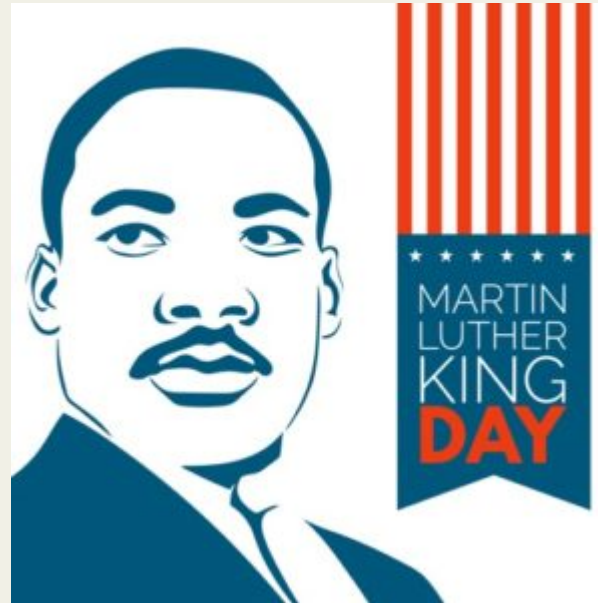


# Martin Luther King Day

## 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Today, it is Martin Luther King. Read through the PowerPoint and work through the activities 😊 I hope you enjoy learning all about this very special man 😊



Who was  
Martin Luther  
King?



Martin Luther King Jr. Was **one of America's great leaders.**



He spoke out against laws which kept black people **segregated**, and led protests and marches demanding fair laws for all people.

Have you heard of him? What do you know?





Martin Luther King Jr. was one of three children. He was born on January 15<sup>th</sup> 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. His father was a pastor and his mother had been a teacher.

Young Martin liked sports. He enjoyed baseball, basketball and American football. He also liked singing and often sang in the Ebenezer Baptist Church where his father was the pastor.



Martin grew up in a time when people were treated differently because of the colour of their skin. This was called **segregation** and Martin couldn't understand why the colour of anyone's skin should be important.

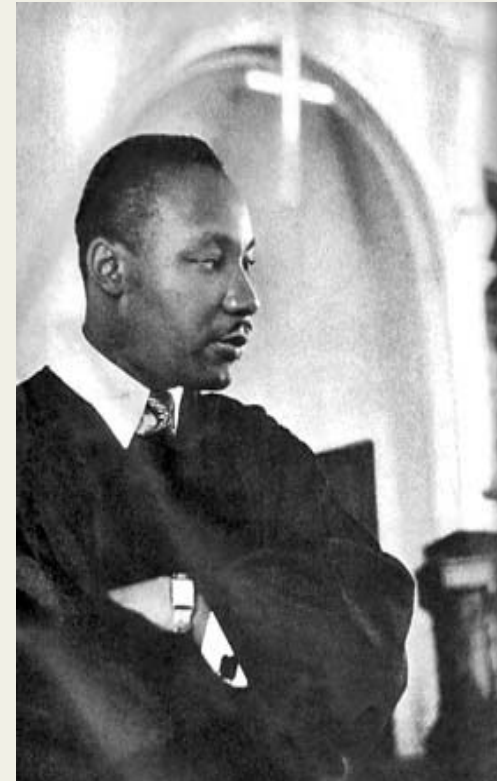
How does this make you feel?  
Is this fair?



In Atlanta, and elsewhere in the USA, there were signs which read 'White Only'. This meant black people were not allowed in. These signs were on parks, hotels, restaurants and even schools. There were also restrictions on jobs.

Martin worked hard at his studies and went to college when he was just fifteen years old.

While he was at college he decided to become a pastor, just like his father.



After college he met and married Coretta Scott King. They had four children together.

Martin's first job was as a pastor in a place called Montgomery in Alabama in 1954.

One year later, **Rosa Parks** was arrested in Montgomery for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. The 'White Only' section of the bus had been full and she was in one of the seats just behind.



Martin led a protest. Black people throughout the city refused to ride the buses. This was called the **Montgomery Bus Boycott.**



Many of Martin's followers were very angry and wanted to fight. Martin wanted things to be resolved peacefully. He encouraged black people to try to get along with white people.



The '**Montgomery Bus Boycott**' lasted for a year. When it ended there were no more 'White Only' sections on buses. People could sit where ever they wanted to.

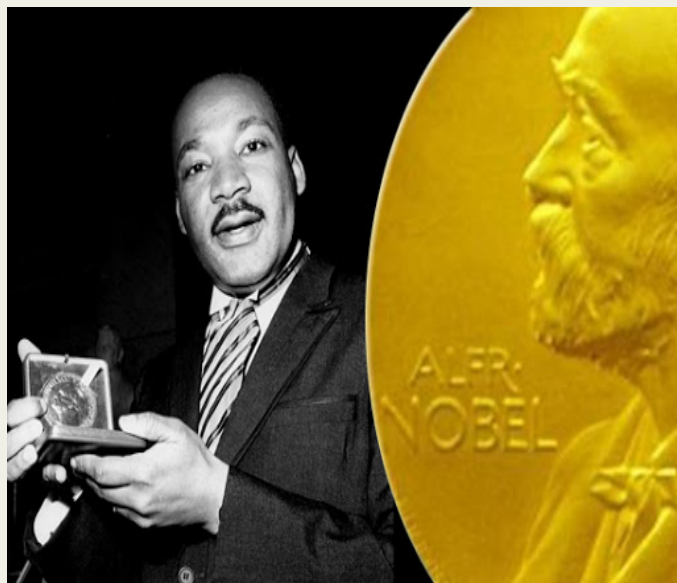


In 1960, Martin moved back to Atlanta. He continued to lead peaceful protests for equal rights and to stop segregation. He wanted everyone to be treated equally. He was arrested many times, even though he was a **peaceful** man.



**In 1963** Martin led his biggest march of all – the **March on Washington**. More than two hundred thousand people, of all colours, followed him. It was here that **he gave his most famous speech called “I have a dream”**



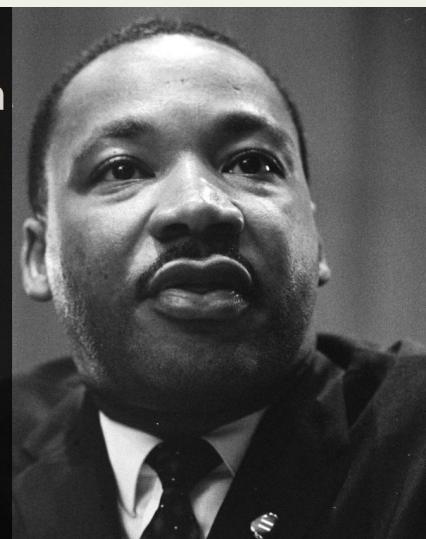


In **1964**, Martin was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize** – a great honour. The USA was changing. New laws were passed and ‘Whites Only’ signs were against the law.

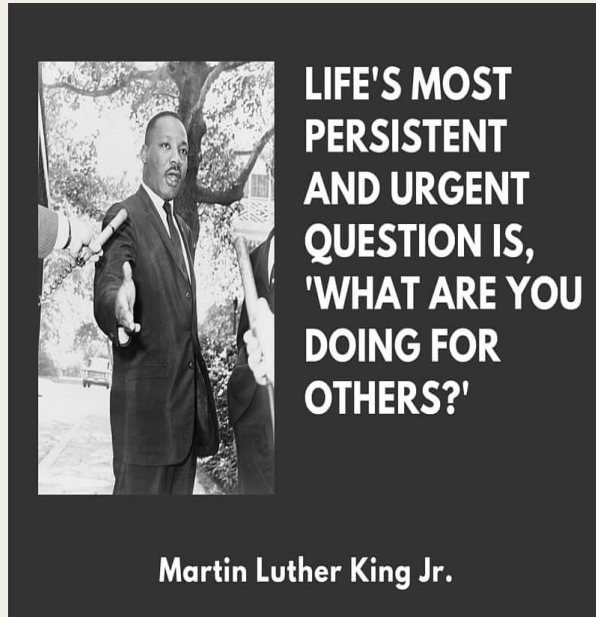
In some areas, however, there were still problems. Although Martin told his followers to protest peacefully there were sometimes outbreaks of violence.

“Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.”

Martin Luther King Jr.



In **April 1968**, Martin travelled to Memphis, Tennessee. He planned to march for equal pay for white and black refuse workers.



But, on **April 4<sup>th</sup>** Martin Luther King was shot by a man called James Earl Ray. Sadly he died.

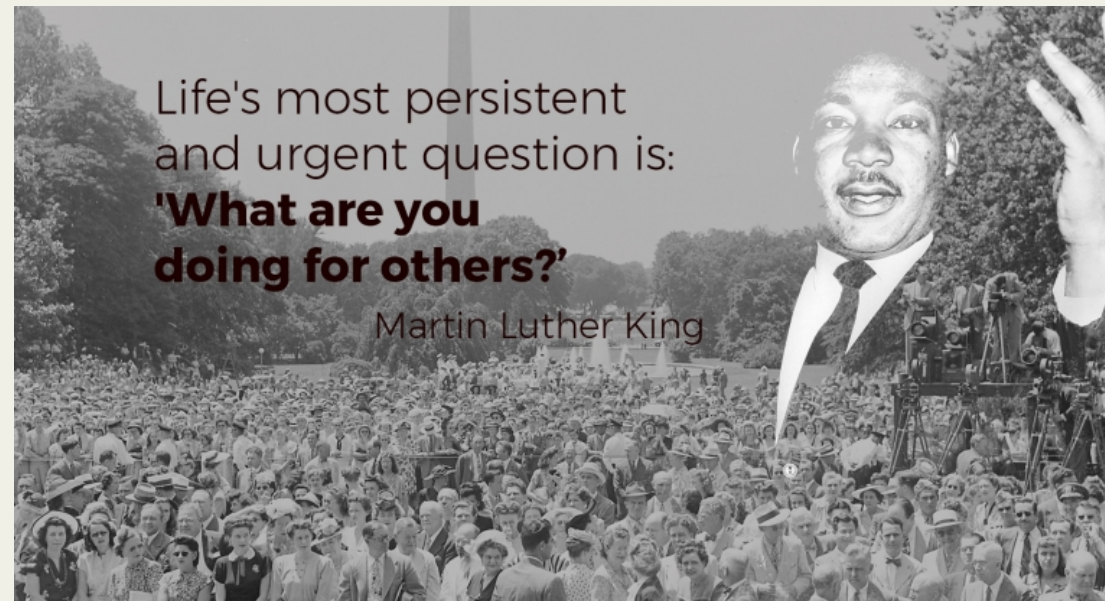
The **third Monday in January every year** is Martin Luther King Day in the USA. It's a national holiday.



Martin Luther King Jr had a very  
**BIG DREAM.**

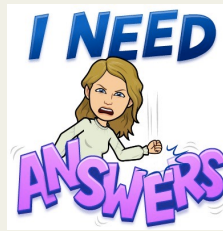
He wanted people to be  
**treated equally**, regardless of  
the colour of their skin.

**He said that it does not matter  
what you look like, it's how you  
treat others that is important.**



**Activity 1: After reading through the information, answer these questions 😊**

1. Where and when was Martin Luther King born?
2. What was happening in America when Martin was growing up?
3. What was his wife called?
4. How many children did they have?
5. What was the name of the protest that Martin led? What events inspired this protest?
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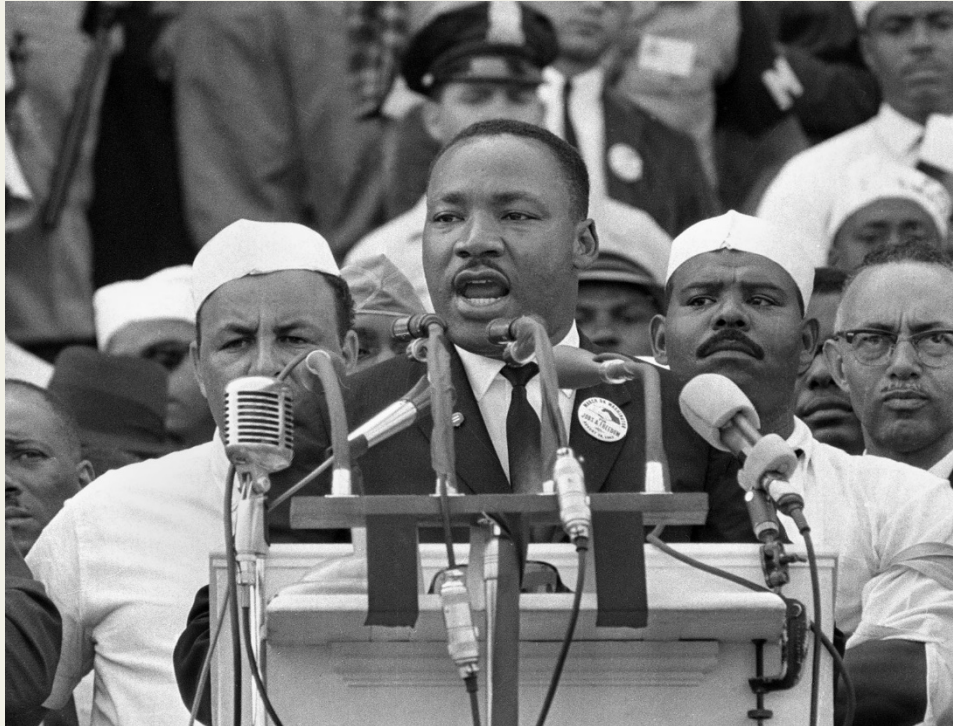
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6. Did Martin Luther king want to use violence or resolve things peacefully?

He wanted to solve things peacefully. He didn't want to use violence.

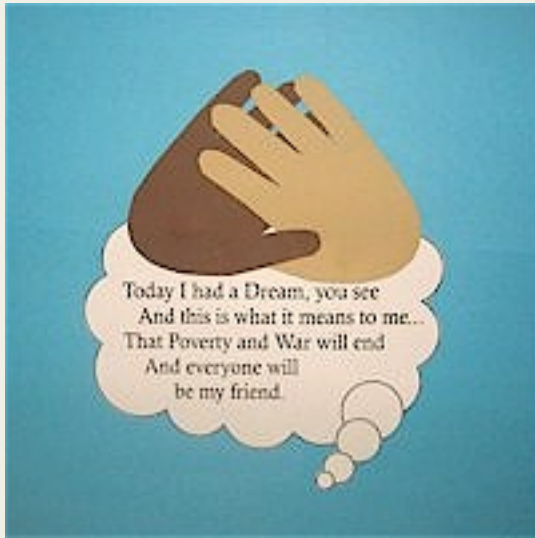
Martin Luther King did a famous speech called:

## I have a dream....



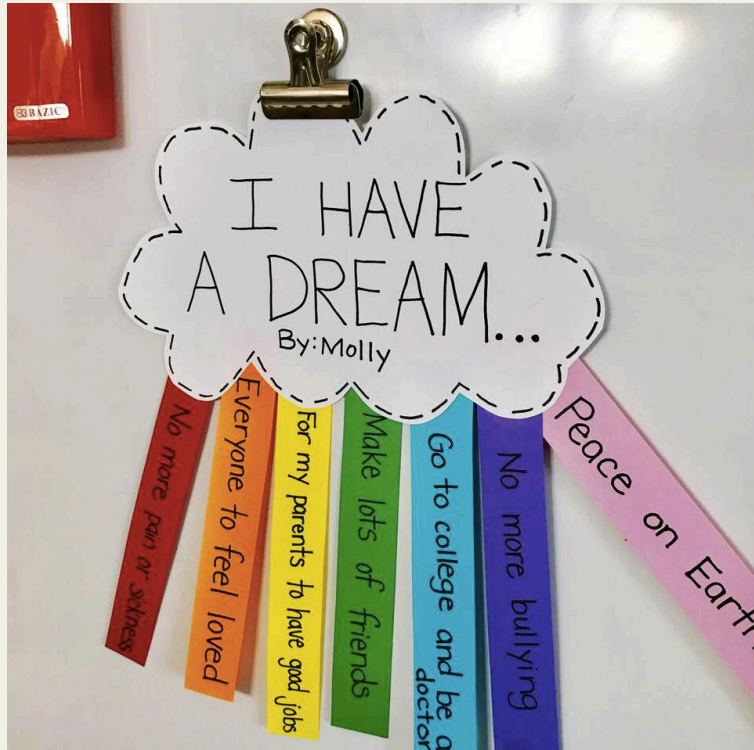
***“I have a dream  
that my four  
children will one  
day live in a nation  
where they will not  
be judged by the  
colour of their skin  
but by the content  
of their character.”***

What does this mean? Is how you treat others more important than what you look like?



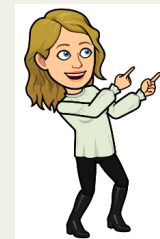
What's your dream?

Martin Luther King Jr wanted to make the world a better place. What is your dream for the world? Think about what you could do to make our world a better place.

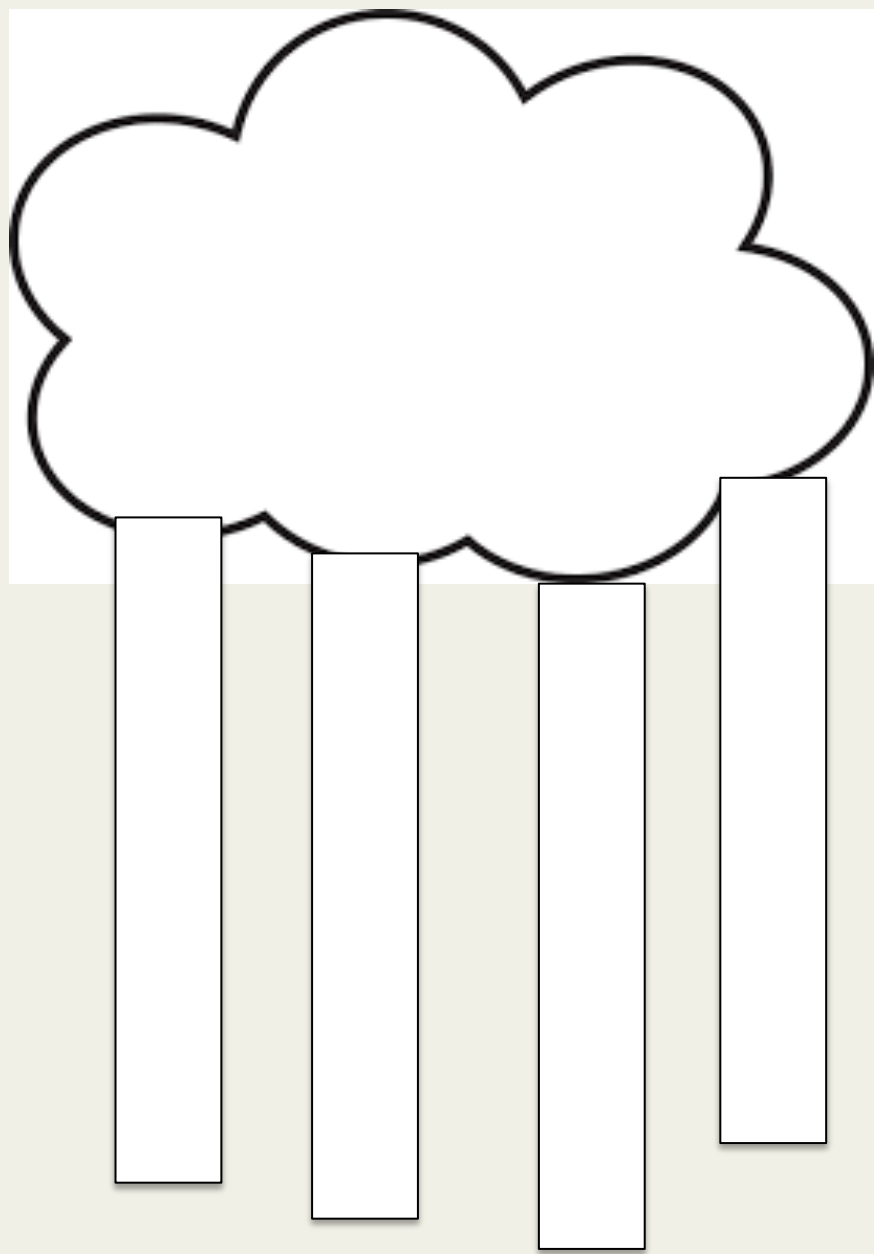




**Activity 2: What are your dreams? Create your own dream clouds**  
Use my example to help you, there is also a template on the next page that you might like to use  
😊



I would love to see your dream clouds 😊 Please send them to me at:  
[yearthree@st-jost.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:yearthree@st-jost.dudley.sch.uk)



### Activity 3 (optional)

Create your own Martin Luther King poster.

Use the YouTube link below to help you 😊

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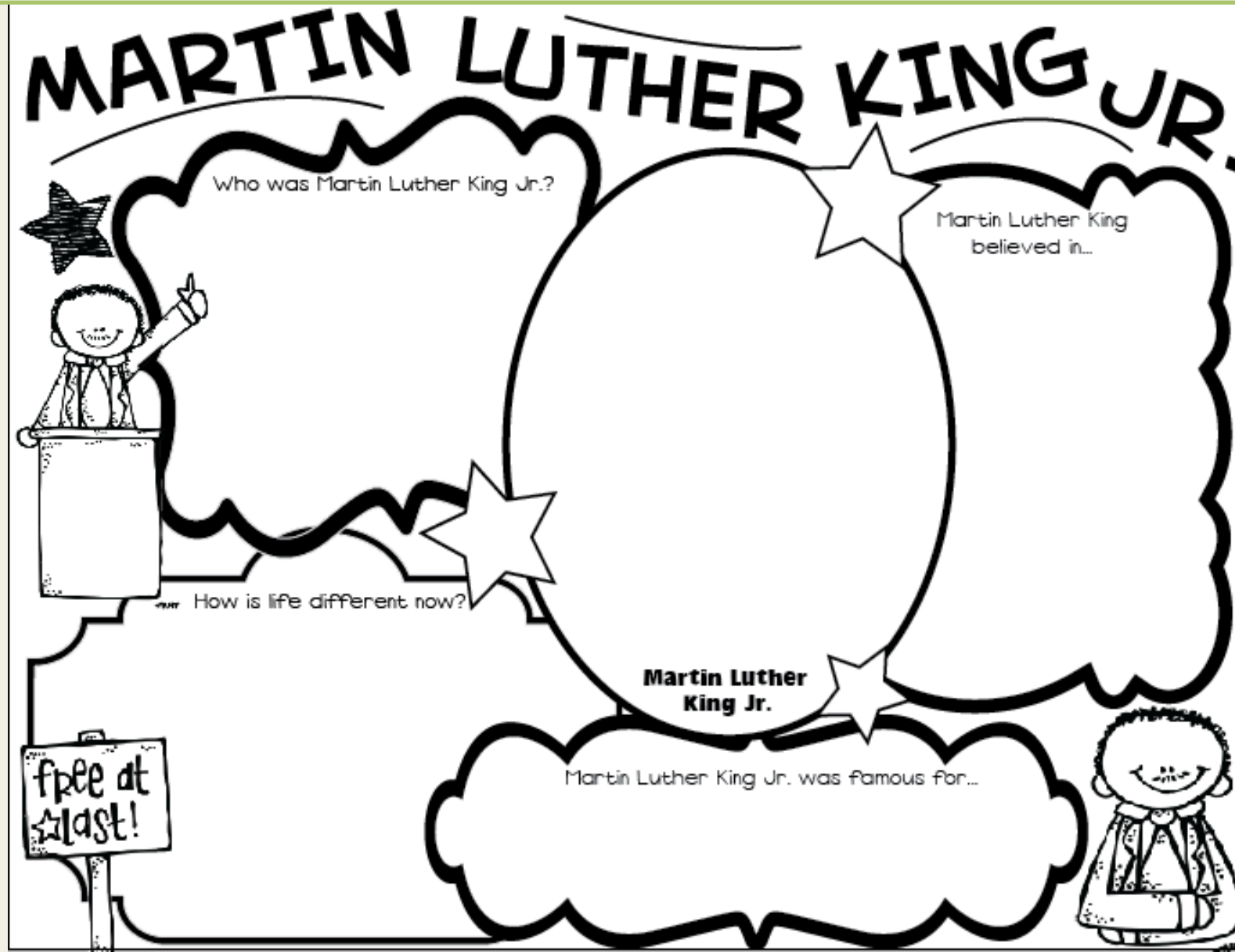


## Activity 4 (optional)

Create your own fact file poster about Martin Luther King.

Use the template below and the video link to help you ☺

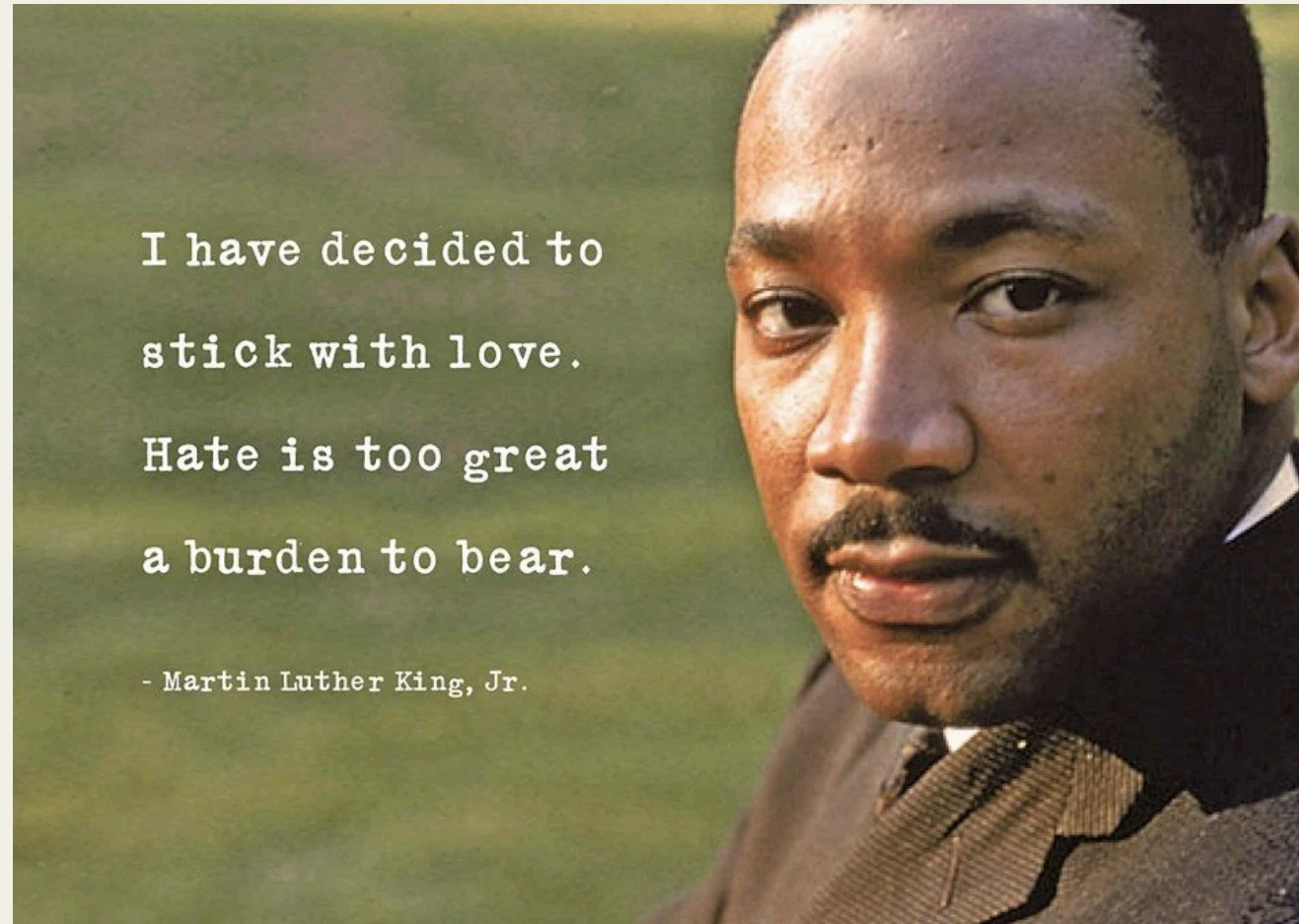
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Challenge: What do you think that this famous quote from Martin Luther King means?  
Why is it a good thing to follow?



I hope that you have enjoyed learning about Martin Luther King 😊  
I would love to see what you have got up to. Please send your work to  
me at [yearthree@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:yearthree@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)



I have decided to  
stick with love.  
Hate is too great  
a burden to bear.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.