

Martin Luther King



Standard of Learning Enrichment

Educational Enrichment for Young Patriots

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

Upon completion of this enrichment you will meet (and hopefully exceed) the requirements for the History and Social Science Standards of Learning for Virginia Public Schools, adopted in 2015, by the Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

History

1.4 The student will describe the lives of people associated with major holidays, including Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

Civics

1.10 The student will apply the traits of a good citizen by

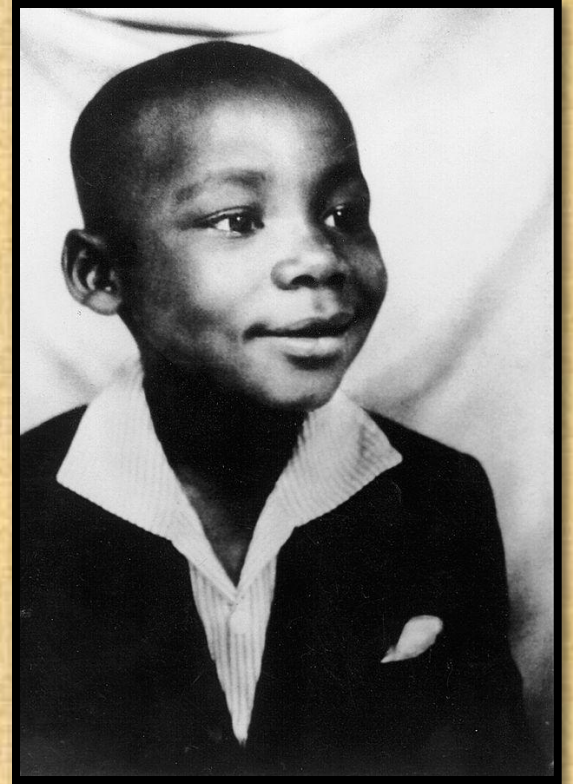
- a) helping others, and treating others with respect;*
- b) recognizing the purpose of rules and practicing self-control;*
- c) working hard in school;*
- d) taking responsibility for one's own actions.*

Who Was Martin Luther King?

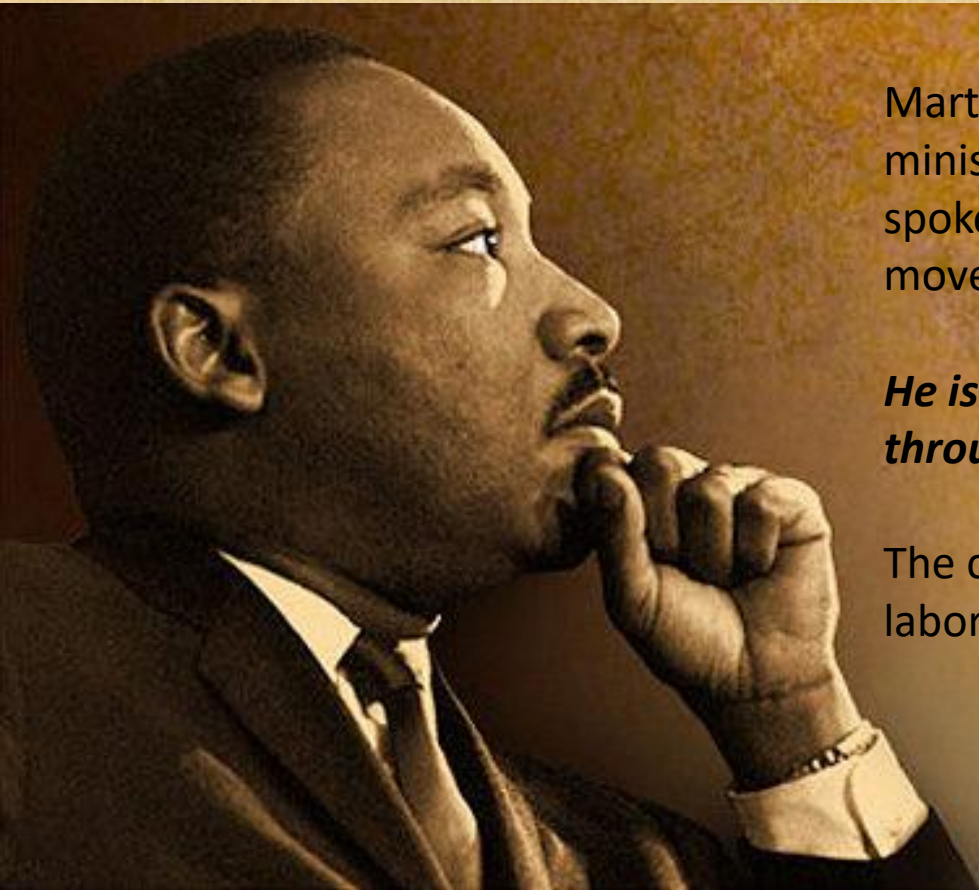
Martin Luther King Jr. was born on 15 January 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. His father Martin Luther King Senior was a minister and his mother Alberta Williams King was an organist and choir leader.

Martin Luther King Jr. had an older sister Christina and a younger brother Alfred. Martin Luther liked music and singing and became a member of the junior choir in his church.

At the age of six, when it was time to start school, Martin Luther King attended an Africa-American school while his best friend attended an all white school. In 1935, the south was still segregated and people did not enjoy the same freedoms. **Martin Luther King wanted all Americans to share the same freedoms.**



Martin Luther King as a Leader



Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement during the 1960s.

He is best known for making social changes through nonviolence.

The changes included right to vote, desegregation, labor rights, and basic civil rights.

Martin Luther King as a Leader



Martin Luther King said, “The time is always right to do what is right.”

Martin Luther King was a leader in his community by setting the example.

Check on Learning

1. When Martin Luther King started school at the age of six, he learned people did not enjoy the same freedoms. What did Martin Luther King want for all Americans to share?
2. As the leader of the civil rights movement, for what is Martin Luther King known best?
3. Martin Luther King was a leader in his community by setting the example. What example can you set for your classmates by doing what is right?

Martin Luther King as a Leader



Martin Luther King said, “If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but by all means keep moving forward.”

Martin Luther King was a leader at home by setting the example.

Martin Luther King as a Leader



Martin Luther King said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

Martin Luther King was a leader in his community by setting the example.

Martin Luther King as a Leader



Martin Luther King said, “Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”

Martin Luther King was a leader in America by setting the example.

Check on Learning

1. Martin Luther King set the example at home by never giving up on a cause he felt strongly about; what example can you set at home about never giving up on a cause you feel strongly about?
2. Martin Luther King set the example in his community by helping others; what example can you set in school by helping your classmates?
3. Martin Luther King set the example in America by loving all people. What example can you set in your community to show love for all people?

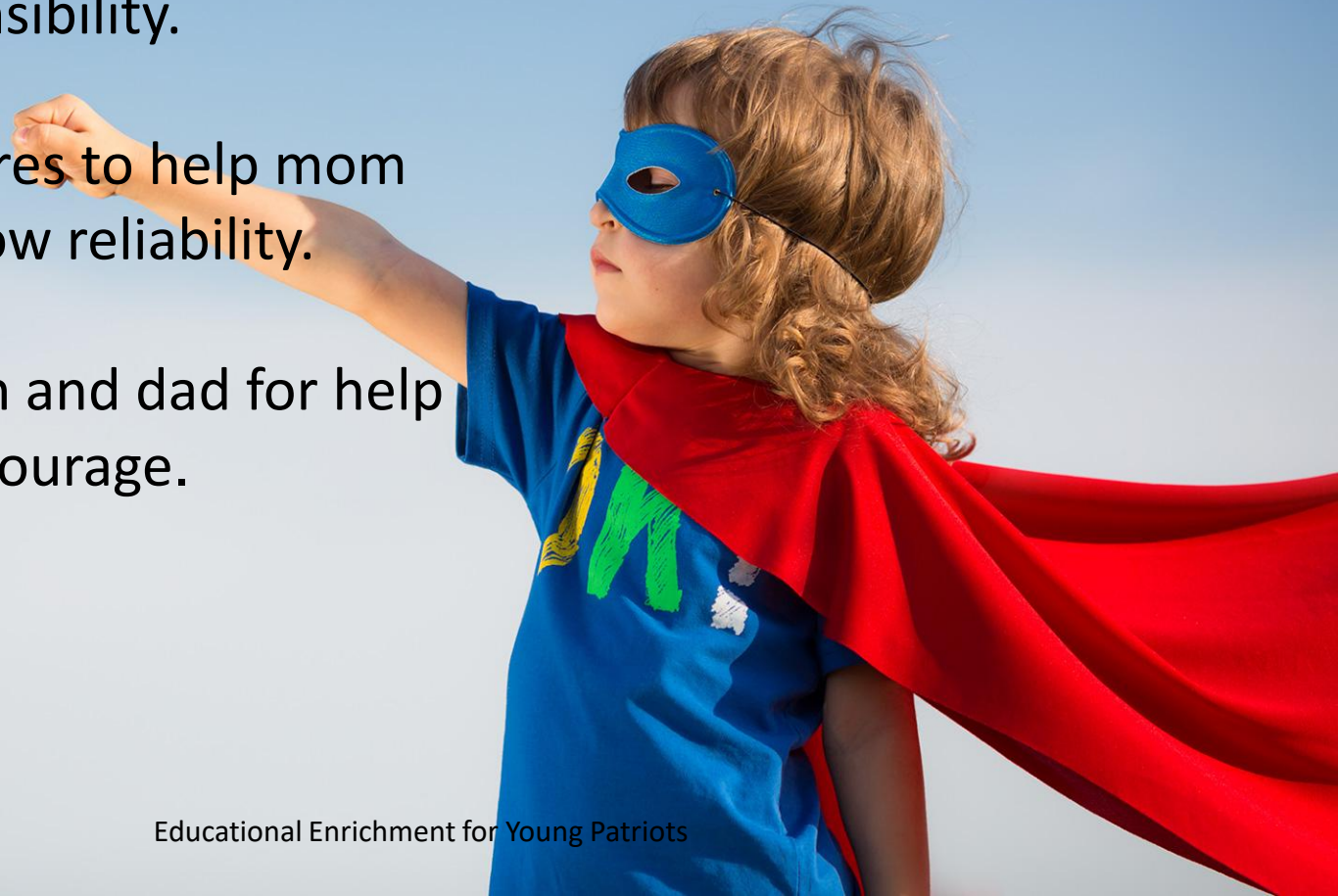
You as a Leader at Home

Martin Luther King said, "The time is always right to do what is right."

Doing your homework right away when you get home shows responsibility.

Doing your chores to help mom and dad show reliability.

Asking your mom and dad for help show courage.



You as a Leader in School

Martin Luther King said, “The time is always right to do what is right.”

Turning in your homework on time is a sign of responsibility and commitment.

Listening to your teachers and obeying their direction shows discipline.

Asking your teacher and classmates for help is a sign of strength and show courage.



You as a Leader in Your Community

Martin Luther King said, “The time is always right to do what is right.”



Helping your neighbor is a sign of selflessness.

Not littering and following the laws and rules of our community shows you are loyal.

Setting the example by seeking self-improvement is a leadership trait that can change the world.

Check on Learning

1. What can you do at home to be a leader?
2. What can you do in your community to be a leader?
3. What can you do for your America to be a leader?

A photograph of a man in a dark suit and tie, shown in profile from the chest up. He is looking upwards and to the right, with his hand resting on his chin in a classic 'thinking' pose. The background is a warm, textured brown. The overall image has a textured, fabric-like appearance.

Questions and Answers

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Further Study

The King Center

National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington D.C.

Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.

The National Archives, Washington, D.C.