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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is famous for being a peaceful civil rights leader. Civil rights are the basic rights that all people should get.

In January 1863, President Abraham Lincoln ended slavery in the United States. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a little boy in Atlanta over 60 years later, but African Americans were still treated unfairly. This happened even more in the South. Black Americans had different schools, restrooms, and even water fountains. Businesses could refuse to serve or hire black people because of their skin color.

Even though Martin was free and not a slave, the laws said it was okay for people to treat him unfairly based on the color of his skin. He didn't like this, and wanted change without fighting. Martin led white and black people in peacefully speaking out against the unfair laws. Martin is best known for his speeches, like the "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963. He died in 1968, before much changed, but Dr. King was given the Nobel Peace Prize for helping to make change happen in a peaceful way.

Who declared the end of slavery in the U.S.?
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where did Martin Luther King, Jr. grow up?
purple Why were black people sometimes not given a job?
How did King want people to speak out?
Orange When was the "I Have a Dream" speech?