

# MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TRIVIA QUIZ



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1> Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on what date?

- a. January 15 1932
- b. January 15 1934
- c. January 15 1936
- d. January 15 1929

2> Led by King, what 1955 boycott lasted for 385 days?

- a. Selma, Alabama School Boycott
- b. Birmingham Bus Boycott
- c. Montgomery Bus Boycott
- d. Albany Housing Boycott

3> Which of the following books was not written by King?

- a. The Trumpet of Conscience
- b. Stride toward Freedom - The Montgomery Story
- c. I've Got the Light of Freedom
- d. Why We Can't Wait

4> During a historic march to Washington, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous speech "I have a dream ...". On what date was the speech delivered?

- a. August 28 1967
- b. August 28 1965
- c. August 28 1969

d. August 28 1963

5> Martin Luther King, Jr. was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1964. In which prize category?

- a. Peace
- b. Medicine
- c. Chemistry
- d. Literature

6> While at the White House on November 2, 1983, which President signed a bill creating a federal holiday to honor King?

- a. Ronald Reagan
- b. Bill Clinton
- c. George H. W. Bush
- d. Jimmy Carter

7> King was 39 years old when he was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. In which city?

- a. Montgomery, Alabama
- b. Louisville, Kentucky
- c. Nashville, Tennessee
- d. Memphis, Tennessee

8> Which state was the last state to recognize Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a holiday?

- a. Utah
- b. Montana
- c. Arizona
- d. New Hampshire

9> In what year was King and his wife awarded the Congressional Gold Medal?

- a. 1982
- b. 1996
- c. 2004
- d. 1972

10> Although many believe he was simply a scapegoat, including the King family, who was charged and sentenced to 99 years for King's death?

- a. James Earl Ray
- b. Lee Harvey Oswald
- c. Jack Ruby
- d. E. Howard Hunt

11> How many times was King arrested during his life?

- a. 39
- b. 9
- c. 19
- d. 29

12> Which of the following books was written by King?

- a. Civilities and Civil Rights
- b. The Measure of a Man
- c. Eyes on the Prize
- d. The Promised Land

13> On December 1, 1955, how did Rosa Parks make her mark in civil rights history?

- a. Drank from an all white fountain
- b. Married Martin Luther King Jr.
- c. Entered an all white bathroom
- d. Arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat

14> Married to Coretta Scott King, how many children did King father?

- a. One
- b. Two
- c. Four
- d. Three

15> On April 4, 1967 while in New York City, King delivered a speech titled?

- a. How Long, Not Long
- b. I Have a Dream
- c. I've Been to the Mountaintop
- d. Beyond Vietnam

**Answers:**

1> January 15 1929 - Martin was the son of Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Williams King.

2> Montgomery Bus Boycott - Eventually, a US District Court ruling ended racial segregation on all Montgomery public buses.

3> I've Got the Light of Freedom - I've Got the Light of Freedom was written by Charles Payne.

4> August 28 1963 - Despite tensions, the march was considered to be a success.

5> Peace - King was awarded more than fifty honorary degrees from colleges and universities throughout the world.

6> Ronald Reagan - For the first time, Martin Luther King Jr. Day was officially observed in all fifty U.S. states on January 17, 2000.

7> Memphis, Tennessee - Martin traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to support striking African American sanitation workers.

8> Utah - In the year 2000.

9> 2004 - Along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award in the United States.

10> James Earl Ray - Ray died of liver failure while in prison in 1998, at the age of 70.

11> 29 - King's last arrest was in 1967, whereby he spent four days in a Birmingham jail

for demonstrating without a permit.

12> The Measure of a Man - The Measure of a Man was published in 1959.

13> Arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat - Parks received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal.

14> Four - His wife died on January 30, 2006 at the age of 78.

15> Beyond Vietnam - The speech spoke strongly against the United State's role in the Vietnam war.

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