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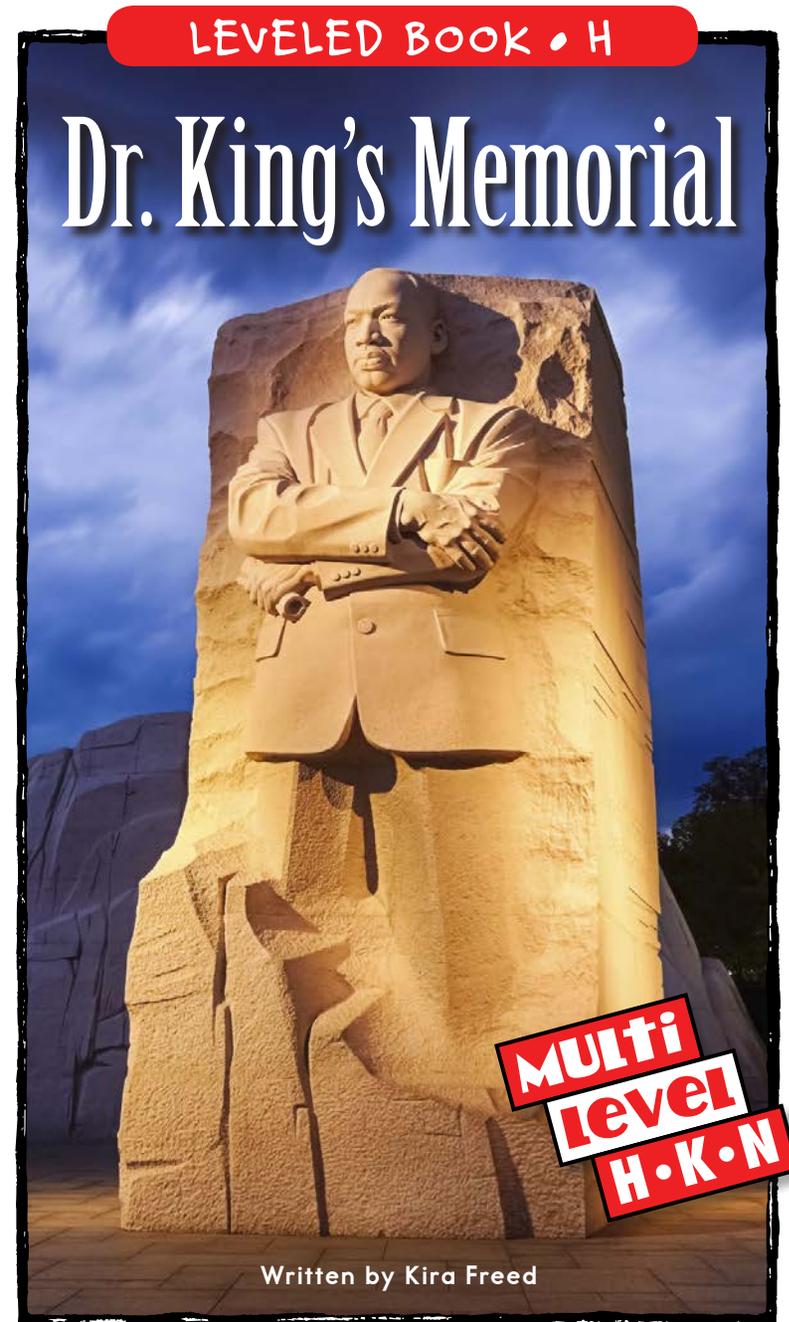
Write a paragraph about why it was important for Dr. King to make changes in a peaceful way.

Social Studies

Learn more about Dr. King's life. Make a timeline that includes five important events from his life.

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Focus Question

Who was Dr. King, and why is he important?

Words to Know

fair	memorial
laws	peaceful
marched	separate

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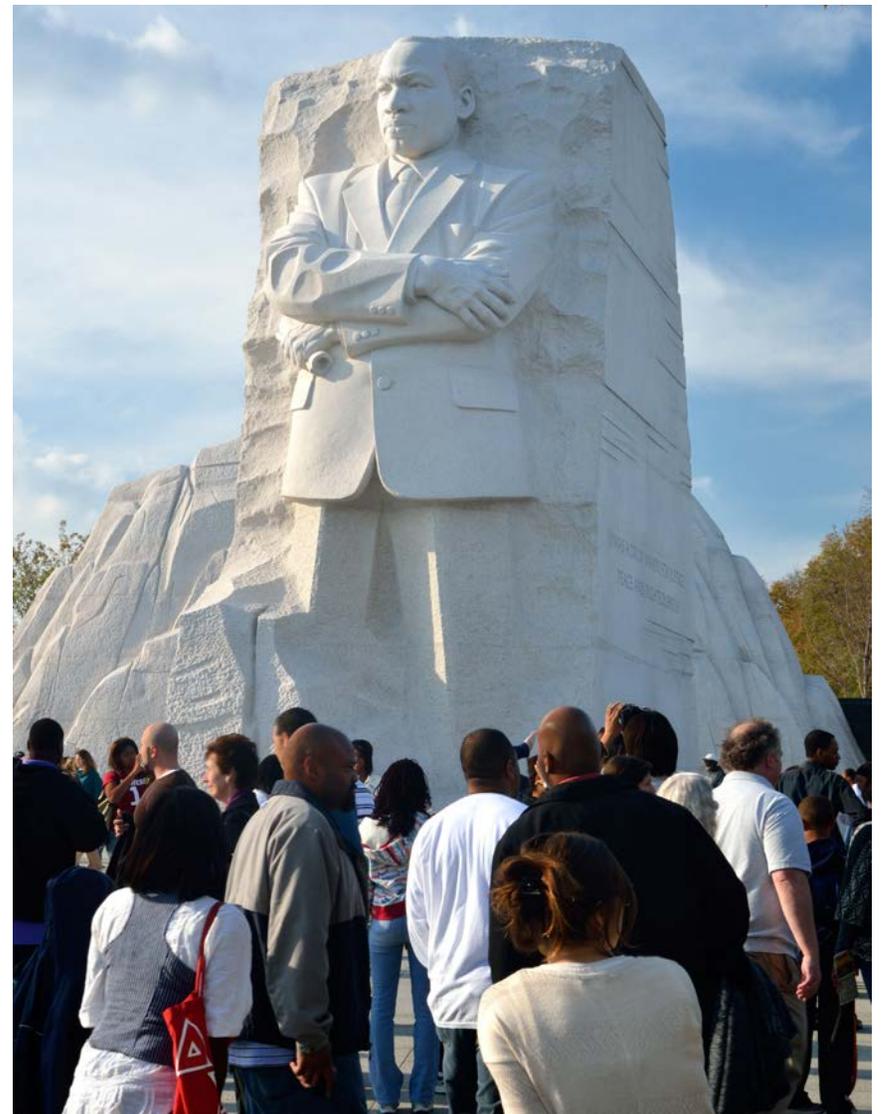
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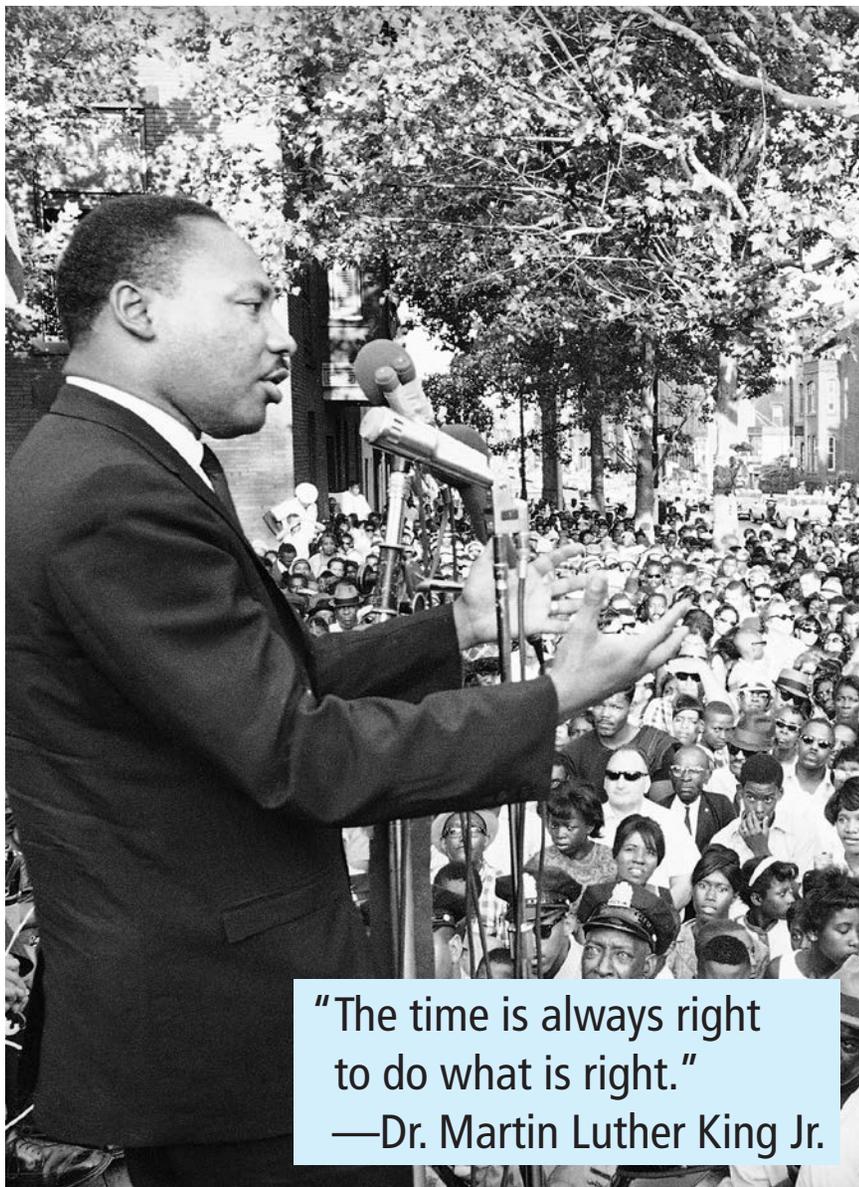
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The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial

Introduction

A **memorial** to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is in Washington, D.C.



“The time is always right to do what is right.”
—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Many people watch as Dr. King gives a speech about equality.

Who was Dr. King?

Why do we remember him?

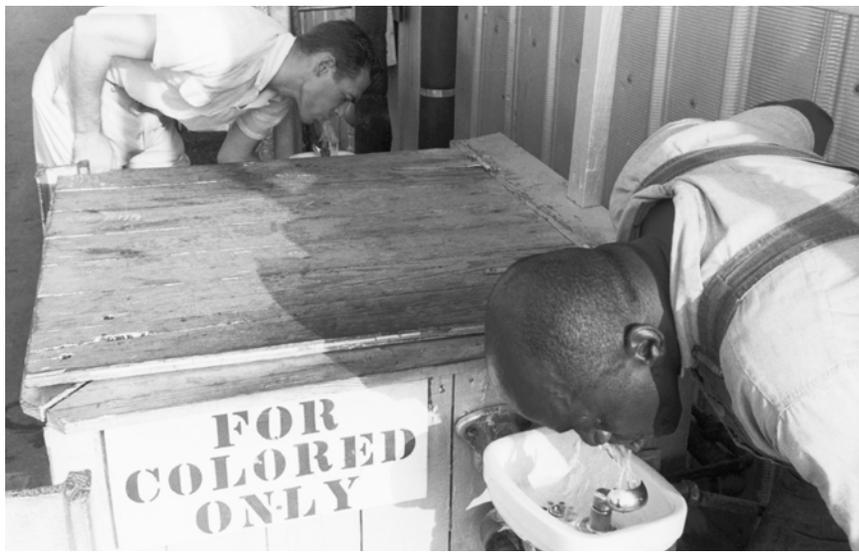


A young Martin Luther King Jr. (front, right) is shown with his family.

The South

Dr. King grew up in the South in the 1930s.

Many **laws** in the South at that time were not **fair** to black people.



Black people and white people could not drink from the same drinking fountains in the South.

Laws kept black people and white people **separate**.
White children and black children went to different schools.



Black people sit at the back of a bus.

Black people had to sit at the backs of city buses.
The front seats were for white people.

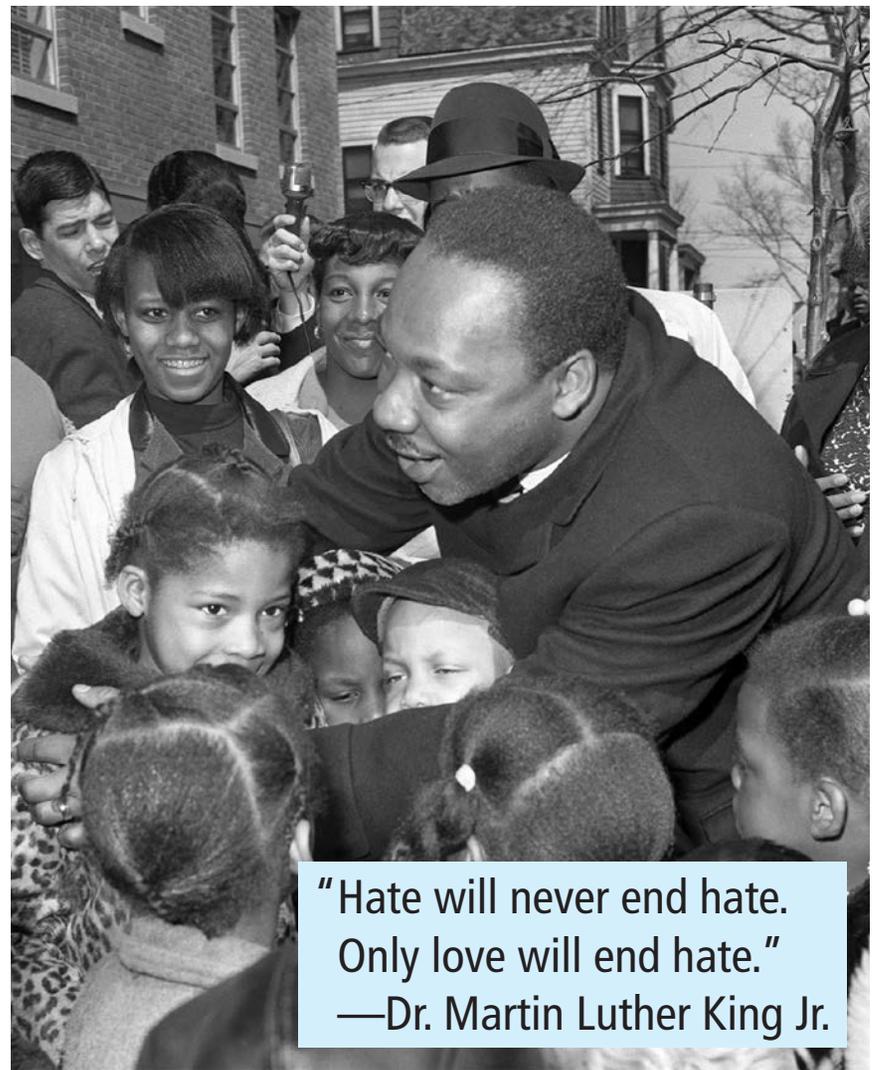


Dr. King talks to people about unfair laws.

Dr. King's Work

Dr. King wanted the unfair laws to change.

He talked to many people about how to change the laws.



"Hate will never end hate.
Only love will end hate."
—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. King wanted to use **peaceful** ways to make changes.

He said there was already too much hate in the world.



Dr. King leads a march to change the unfair laws.

Dr. King **marched** with many people.
They marched to say no
to unfair laws.
Dr. King worked with many people
to get the laws changed.



Dr. King shakes hands with President Lyndon Johnson in 1964.
President Johnson signed a bill that changed the unfair laws.

New Laws

The laws changed in 1964.
The new laws are much fairer.
It is now against the law to
treat some people better than
other people.



Two black girls go to a school that used to be for white children only.

Black children and white children
can go to the same schools.
People of every color can sit where
they want on buses.

Do You Know?

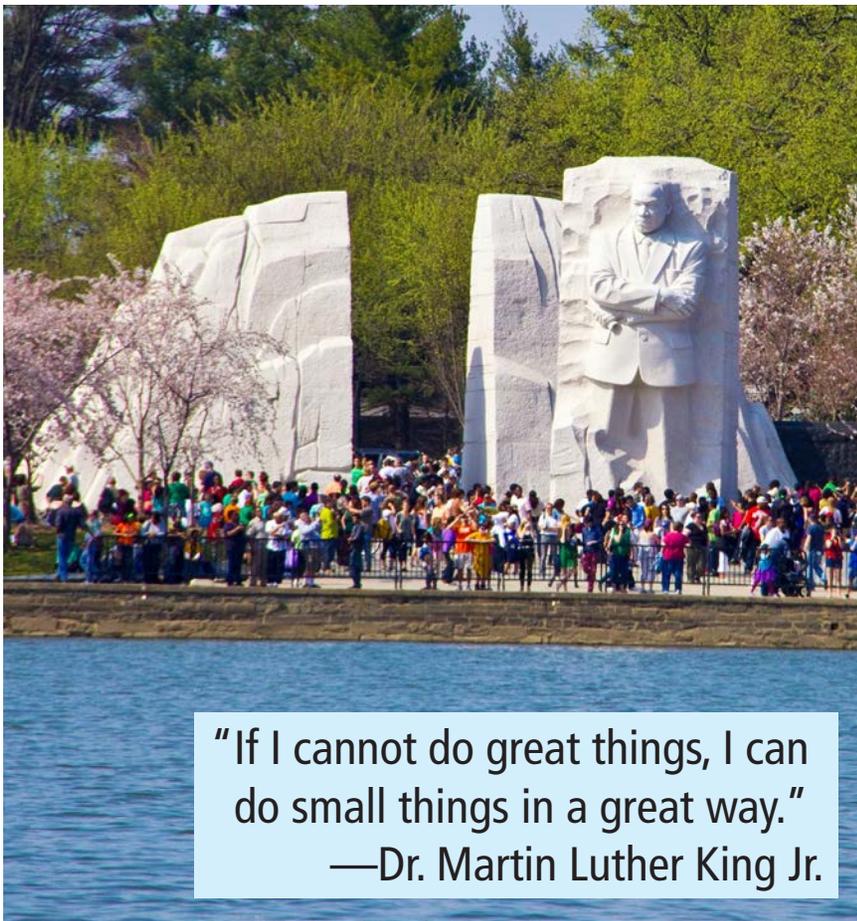
Rosa Parks would not sit at the back of a bus in 1955. Her courage helped change the unfair laws.



Dr. King waves to the crowd in Washington, D.C., before he gives an important speech.

Dr. King's Dream

Dr. King wanted all people to be free.
He wanted the laws to be fair
for everyone.
He dreamed that people of every
color would get along.



“If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.”
—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

We remember Dr. King when we visit the memorial in Washington, D.C.

We remember his dream of fair laws and free people.

We carry on the work that Dr. King began.

Glossary

- fair** (*adj.*) just, right, or proper (p. 6)
- laws** (*n.*) rules made by a government (p. 6)
- marched** (*v.*) walked with other people to show support (p. 11)
- memorial** (*n.*) something that stands for the memory of a person, place, thing, or event (p. 4)
- peaceful** (*adj.*) without fighting (p. 10)
- separate** (*adj.*) set or kept apart (p. 7)