

First Grade Sample:

I am Martin Luther King, Jr. I was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929. I was not treated equally because of the color of my skin. I wanted all people to be treated equally. When I got older, I organized peaceful marches and protests. On August 28th, 1963 I gave my most famous speech in Washington D.C. I am now known for this speech. I had a dream that all people should be treated equally. My birthday is celebrated on the third Monday of January where we remember that all people are created equal.

Third Grade Sample:

I am Martin Luther King, Jr. I was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929. My mom was a teacher and my dad was a pastor. When I was young, I was not treated equally because the color of my skin. I couldn't go to school, use the same bathrooms or sit with white people. This was called segregation. I loved to teach about peace and equality. I became a pastor like my dad. I fell in love with Coretta Scott and we got married. When I was older I organized peaceful marches and protests, like the Montgomery Bus Boycott where blacks in Montgomery County didn't ride buses until they were allowed to sit where they wanted. On August 28th, 1963 I gave my most famous speech in Washington D.C. I am now known for this speech. I had a dream that all people should be treated equally. In 1964 I won the Nobel Peace Prize for all my efforts. Not everyone liked what I had to say about segregation and I was shot on April 4, 1968. Now my birthday is celebrated on the third Monday of January where we remember my message to the world... all people are created equal.