**Activity 6**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Short Biography**

On January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia. King became a Baptist minister in 1948. In the same year he graduated from Morehouse College. He married Coretta Scott on June 18, 1953. In 1955 King became a leader of the Montgomery bus boycott, which helped end the separation of blacks and whites on buses. On August 28, 1963 he led the March on Washington and gave his "I have a dream" speech. Almost 250,000 people listened to his speech in the nation's capital. In 1964 King received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work. He openly criticized U.S involvement in Vietnam and turned his efforts to winning economic rights for poor Americans. In 1965 King led thousands of protesters 50 miles from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. He was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

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