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Did You Know...?

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- his skin colour
- his job

3. What did Martin Luther King like doing as a child? Tick one.

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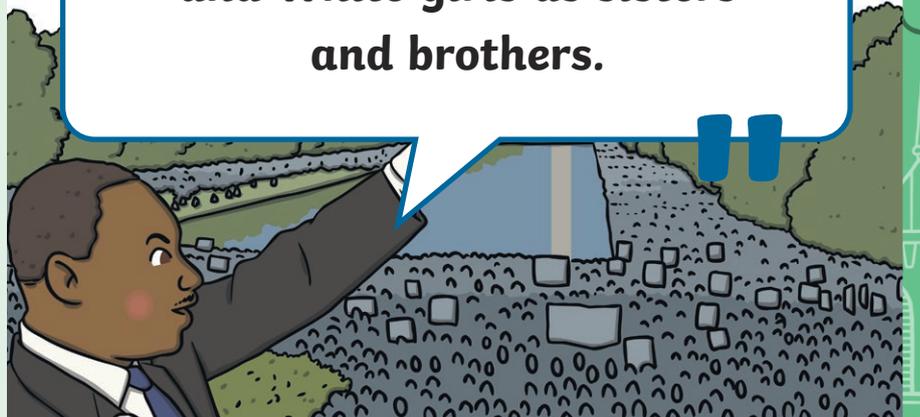


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In the USA, times were hard for Black people. There were different areas for Black people and White people on buses, on trains and in parks.

Martin Luther King wanted all people to be treated in the same way. He spoke in front of a big crowd and told everyone about his dream. Here is a little bit of the speech that he made:

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- 1919
 1920
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- the trumpet
 the piano
 the recorder

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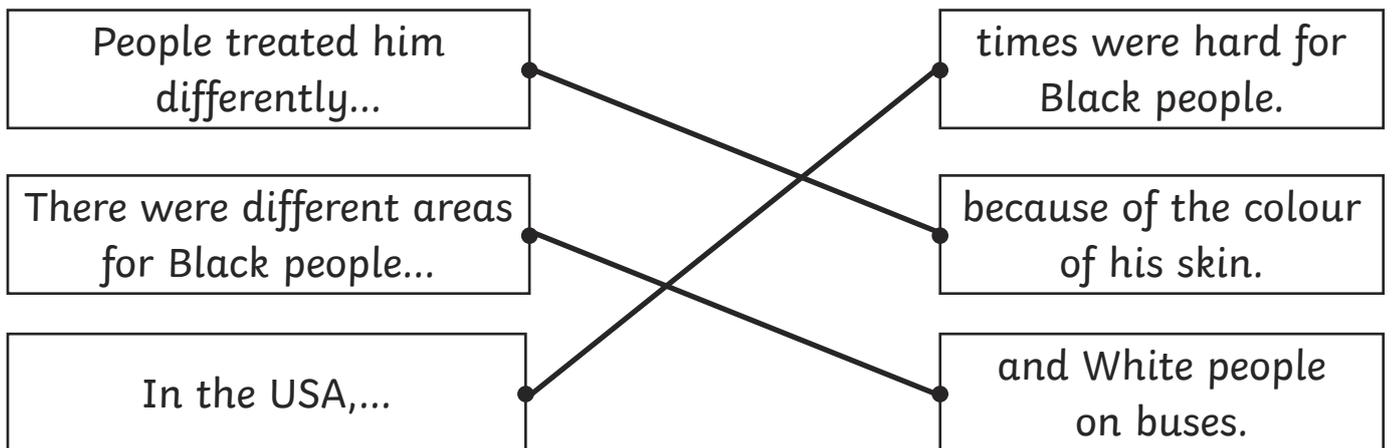
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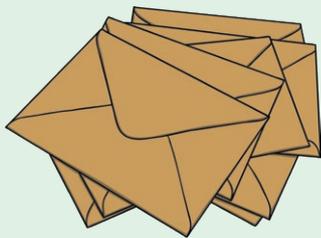
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Did You Know...?

It is because of Martin Luther King, and others like him, that the law was changed to state that everyone in the USA had the same rights, regardless of skin colour. The law was also changed so that everyone could vote.



Every January, there is a national holiday in the USA to celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday.

Martin Luther King was born in 1929 in the United States of America (USA). As a child, he enjoyed playing sports, playing the piano and going to school. Sadly, his life was often difficult. Some people treated him differently because of the colour of his skin.

In the 1960s, times were particularly hard for Black people living in the USA.

There were separate areas for Black people and White people on buses, on trains, in parks and in restaurants.

Black children were not allowed to go to schools with White children. They had to go to separate schools but these schools didn't have many resources to help with their learning.

Martin Luther King was a Christian and a civil rights activist. He wanted everyone to be treated in the same way.

In 1963, Martin Luther King led a huge march in Washington DC, the US capital. In front of the enormous crowd, Martin Luther King made his famous "**I Have a Dream**" speech. Here is a short piece of that speech:

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Martin Luther King was a kind person because he worked hard to make sure that everyone was treated equally.