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A Person Who Has Made a Difference: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has changed American society. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929. He became a minister while he was a student at Morehouse College. He led the civil rights movement, such as the Montgomery bus boycott in 1956, or the March on Washington in 1963. He also encouraged African Americans to reform the country. He taught them to do the right thing, which was to use the method of “passive resistance.” He thought that it would have power to abolish unjust laws. Then, the country passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In 1964, he received the Nobel Peace Prize for leading non-violent campaigns against racial inequality. He made America become what it should be in the meaning of the content of the Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.