

# Martin Luther King Jr.

Resources from the Kennedy Library Web Site  
for Elementary and Middle Grades

## Photos



June 22, 1963

MLK and other civil rights leaders with Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson

[www.jfklibrary.org/Asset-Viewer/Archives/JFKWHP-AR7993-B.aspx](http://www.jfklibrary.org/Asset-Viewer/Archives/JFKWHP-AR7993-B.aspx)



August 28, 1963

MLK speaking at the March on Washington

<http://civilrights.jfklibrary.org/Media-Assets/The-March-on-Washington-for-Jobs-and-Freedom.aspx#The-Event-1963--Kings-Dream>



August 28, 1963

President Kennedy and Vice President Johnson in the Oval Office with MLK and other leaders of the March on Washington

[www.jfklibrary.org/Asset-Viewer/Archives/JFKWHP-ST-C277-1-63.aspx](http://www.jfklibrary.org/Asset-Viewer/Archives/JFKWHP-ST-C277-1-63.aspx)

## Letters and Telegrams

Selection of messages from MLK to President Kennedy and White House staff; from an online exhibit, "Leaders in the Struggle for Civil Rights"

[www.jfklibrary.org/mlktelegrams](http://www.jfklibrary.org/mlktelegrams)

## Lesson Plans

### **"They Had a Dream"**

Grades 3-6

<http://civilrights.jfklibrary.org/theyhadadream>

In this activity, students act as historians as they analyze a photograph of civil rights leaders, including MLK, with President Kennedy following the March on Washington. They then take on the role of a civil rights leader as they write a letter to the president requesting a meeting with him on the day of the March.

### **"What If Laws Are Unjust?"**

Grades 7-8

<http://civilrights.jfklibrary.org/whatiflawsareunjust>

In this lesson, students read and analyze segregation ordinances, and learn how Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights activists challenged these unjust laws through peaceful protest and civil disobedience during the 1963 civil rights campaign in Birmingham, Alabama. The lesson highlights the vital role that young people played in the campaign.