



Drive Thru History: MLK's Childhood Years Guided Notes (Answer Key)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7EPHjtWjzg>



INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the blanks based on the virtual tour of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park.

- 1) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s childhood home was located at **501** Auburn Avenue in the historic district known as Sweet **Auburn**.
- 2) Dr. King's grandparents purchased the home in **1909**.
- 3) Dr. King's grandfather pastored the **Ebenezer** Baptist Church nearby.
- 4) Dr. King was born in his childhood house on January 15, **1929**.
- 5) The King family lived in the house until **1941**.
- 6) As a pastor's son, Dr. King grew up in the **church**.
- 7) One of Dr. King's best friend was a **white** boy whose father owned a store across the street.
- 8) The houses across the street from the King's house were called **shotgun** houses because the doors were lined up from front to back to allow air flow.
- 9) When Dr. King started to go to school at the age of 6, he was sent to an all-**black** school and was **separated** from his best friend.



- 10) Later his best friend's father demanded that they no longer **play** together.
- 11) Although Dr. King was upset that he lost his best friend, his parents taught him that it was his duty as a Christian to **love**.
- 12) Dr. King's childhood years in Atlanta reinforced the reality of **segregation** and **injustice**.
- 13) Dr. King later wrote that he saw that you could be treated unfairly just because of the color of your **skin**.
- 14) Ebenezer Baptist Church was **restored** because it was the spiritual home of many citizens of the Sweet Auburn community.
- 15) When Dr. King was **19**, he gave his first **sermon** at Ebenezer Baptist Church and was ordained a minister.
- 16) Dr. King served as a **co-pastor** with his father until his death in **1968**.
- 18) The National **Park** Service completed the restoration of Ebenezer Baptist Church to its 1960-1968 appearance.