



Reflections of Dr. King's Timeline (1929 - 1968) → Grades 3-5

[Source: Major King Events - Stanford](#)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Reflect on Dr. King's purpose/mission each decade (10 years). Write a reflection of his purpose each decade.

1929

15 January

Michael King, later known as **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, is born at 501 Auburn Ave. in Atlanta, Georgia.

1920s Purpose Reflection:

1941

Summer

The King family moves from 501 Auburn Avenue to 193 Boulevard in Atlanta.

1944

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September

King begins his freshman year at **Morehouse College** in Atlanta.

1948



25 February	King is ordained and appointed assistant pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.
8 June	King receives his bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Morehouse College.
14 September	King begins his studies at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania.

19240s Purpose Reflection:

1951

6-8 May	King graduates from Crozer with a bachelor of divinity degree, delivering the valedictory address at commencement.
13 September	King begins his graduate studies in systematic theology at Boston University .

1953

18 June	King and Coretta Scott are married at the Scott home near Marion, Alabama.
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1954



1 September	King begins his pastorate at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.
1955	
5 June	King is awarded his doctorate in systematic theology from Boston University.
17 November	Yolanda Denise King , the Kings' first child, is born.
1 December	Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to vacate her seat and move to the rear of a city bus in Montgomery to make way for a white passenger.
5 December	At a mass meeting at Holt Street Baptist Church, the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA) is formed. King becomes its president.
1956	
30 January	King speaks at a mass meeting, his home is bombed. His wife and daughter are not injured.
13 November	The U.S. Supreme Court declares Montgomery and Alabama bus segregation laws unconstitutional.
21 December	Montgomery City Lines resumes full service on all routes. King is among the first passengers to ride the buses in an integrated fashion.



1957

10-11 January	King is named chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference , SCLC).
18 February	King appears on the cover of Time magazine.
23 October	Coretta King gives birth to their second child, Martin, III .

1958

17 September	King's first book Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story is published.
20 September	During a book signing in Harlem, New York, King is stabbed by Izola Ware Curry .

1959

3 February	King embarks on a month-long visit to India where he meets with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and many of Gandhi's followers.
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1950s Purpose Reflection:



1960

1 February	King moves from Montgomery to Atlanta to devote more time to SCLC and the freedom struggle. He becomes assistant pastor to his father at Ebenezer Baptist Church.
19 October	King is arrested during a sit-in demonstration at Rich's department store in Atlanta.

1961

31 January	Dexter Scott , King's third child, is born.
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1962

27 July-10 August	King is arrested at an Albany, Georgia prayer vigil and jailed. After spending two weeks in jail, King is released.
28 September	In Birmingham, Alabama, a member of the American Nazi Party assaults King, striking him twice in the face.

1963

28 March	Bernice Albertine , King's fourth child, is born.
16 April	King writes his " Letter from Birmingham Jail ." King and Abernathy were arrested on 12 April and released on 19 April.



5 June	Strength to Love , King's book of sermons, is published.
28 August	The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom attracts more than two hundred thousand demonstrators to the Lincoln Memorial. King delivers his " I Have a Dream " speech.
1964	
3 January	King is named "Man of the Year" by Time Magazine.
26 March	King meets Malcolm X in Washington, D.C. for the first and only time.
June	King's book Why We Can't Wait is published.
11 June	King is arrested and jailed for demanding service at a white-only restaurant in St. Augustine, Florida .
10 December	King receives the Nobel Peace Prize in Norway.
1965	
	The King family moves to their new home at 234 Sunset Avenue in Atlanta.



7 March	In an event that will become known as "Bloody Sunday," voting rights marchers are beaten at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama as they attempt to march to Montgomery.
1966	
26 January	King and his wife move into an apartment at 1550 South Hamlin Avenue in Chicago to draw attention to the city's poor housing conditions.
1967	
June	King's book Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? is published.
4 December	King publicly reveals his plans to organize a mass civil disobedience campaign, the Poor People's Campaign , in Washington, D.C., to force the government to end poverty.
1968	
28 March	King leads a march of six thousand protesters in support of striking sanitation workers in Memphis . The march descends into violence and looting, and King is rushed from the scene.
3 April	King returns to Memphis, determined to lead a peaceful march. During an evening rally at Mason Temple in Memphis, King delivers his final speech, " I've Been to the Mountaintop. "
4 April	King is shot and killed while standing on the balcony of the



	Lorraine Motel in Memphis.
9 April	King is buried in Atlanta.
<i>1960s Purpose Reflection:</i>	