

1. Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King was born on January 15th, 1929. Throughout his short life he devoted himself to the pursuit of equality for all. His method was non-violent resistance, a method which proved surprisingly effective. Read all about the man and his work in this worksheet.

Level

Upper Intermediate

How to use the lesson

1. Start the lesson by asking what your students know about Martin Luther King. Accept all offers, whether right or wrong at this stage.
2. Divide the class into pairs. Give a copy of Worksheet A to each pair and ask them to work together to decide which statements are true. Encourage your students to guess an answer for each statement even if they are not sure about them. (If your students have no idea, let them look at the questions on Worksheet A for one minute before giving them Worksheet B to read. Afterwards they should return to Worksheet A and answer the questions from memory.)
3. When everyone has finished guessing, give each student in the class a copy of Worksheet B. Ask them to check their answers and count up how many they got right.
4. Ask the students to correct the statements which were wrong.
5. Check answers in open class.

Answers

1. True
2. False (He was born in Atlanta, Georgia.)
3. True
4. False (His father was a preacher.)
5. False (He married Coretta.)
6. True
7. True
8. False (His role model was Mohandas Gandhi.)
9. True
10. False (His famous speech is called 'I Have a Dream'.)
11. True
12. False (He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.)
13. False (He was actually arrested more than 20 times.)
14. True
15. False (His killer's name was James Earl Ray.)
16. False (Since 1986 the official Martin Luther King Day has been on 20th January.)

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.thekingcenter.org/>

Visit The King Center, set up by Coretta King

http://www.education-world.com/holidays/archives/mlking_2000.shtml

So many fascinating links and activities for MLK Day 2006

<http://www.mkgandhi.org/>

Here's a site all about the inspirational Gandhi