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Martin Luther King Jr.

Read the two texts. Then answer the questions.

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1. Martin was born in ____ **Atlanta, Georgia** **Memphis** **New York**

2. Martin started college when he was only 15. **true** **false**

Unfair Laws

When Martin was growing up, many states had unfair laws. These laws kept Black people and white people apart. This was called **segregation**. Black children had to go to different schools. Black people could not eat at some places or drink from some water fountains. Martin knew these laws were wrong. He wanted all people to be treated as **equal**.

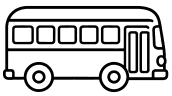
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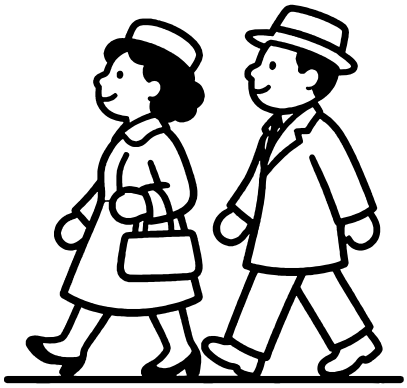


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1. Who would not give up a seat? **Rosa Parks** **Dr. King** **a bus driver**

2. How long did the boycott last? **15 years** **381 days** **1 week**

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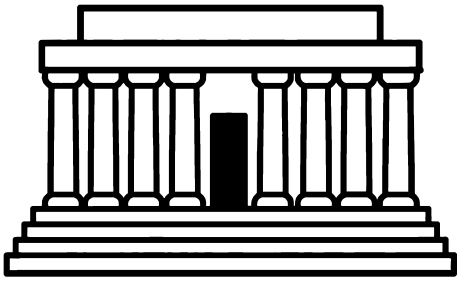


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The March on Washington

Dr. King worked for **civil rights**, fair treatment for every person under the law. He believed in **peaceful** protest. In a protest, people show in public that something is wrong. He taught people not to fight back, even when others hurt them. On August 28, 1963, about 250,000 people came to Washington, D.C. They marched together for jobs and freedom. Dr. King gave a speech at the Lincoln Memorial. He told of his dream that someday all people would be treated as equals. In 1964, he won the Nobel Peace Prize. He was 35 years old.



1. Where did Dr. King give his speech? **a bus** **the Lincoln Memorial** **Atlanta**

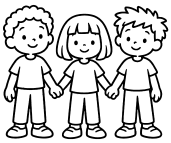
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4. What does peaceful protest mean? Use the text.

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In 1968, Dr. King went to Memphis, Tennessee. He went to help workers who wanted fair pay. On April 4, he was shot and killed. He was 39 years old. People all over the world were sad. His wife, Coretta Scott King, and many others asked for a holiday to honor him. In 1983, the President signed a law to make one. Now we remember Dr. King on the third Monday in January. Many people spend the day helping others.



1. Dr. King went to Memphis to help workers who wanted ____ **new buses** **fair pay** **a holiday**

2. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is on the third Monday in January. **true** **false**

3. Dr. King's wife asked for a holiday to honor him. **true** **false**

4. What do many people do on Martin Luther King Jr. Day?

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Draw a line from each word to what it means.

segregation	when people stop using or buying something to make a change
equal	the fair treatment every person should have under the law
boycott	the same; treated the same way
protest	unfair laws that kept Black people and white people apart
peaceful	to show in public that you think something is wrong
civil rights	calm and without fighting

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Martin Luther King Jr.

Draw a line from each cause to its effect.

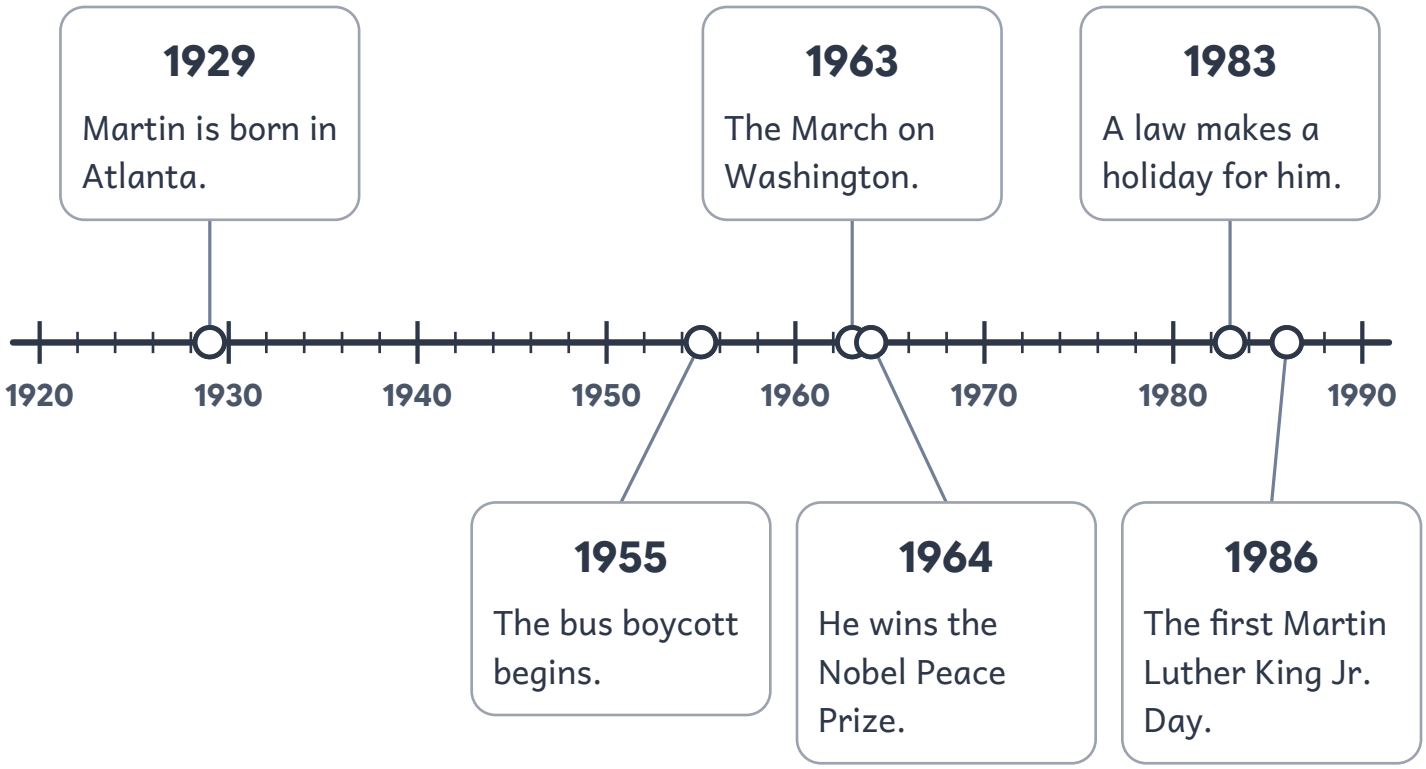
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Name _____ Date _____

Martin Luther King Jr.

Read the timeline. Then answer the questions.



1. Which came first? **the bus boycott** **the March on Washington**

2. How old was Martin when the bus boycott began? _____ years

3. How many years after the March on Washington did he win the Nobel Peace Prize? _____ years

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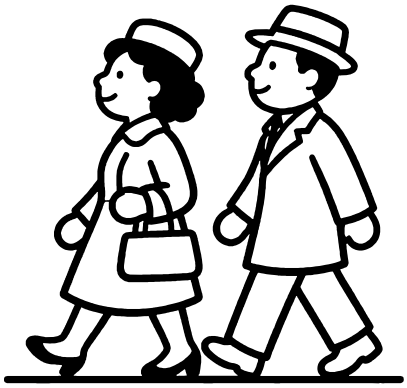
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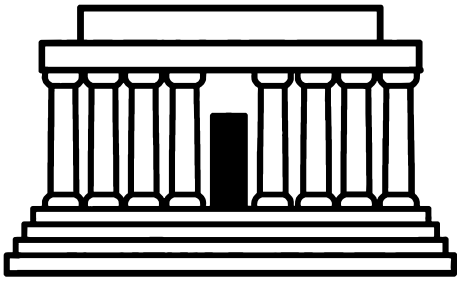


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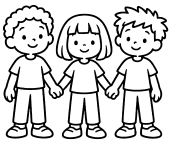
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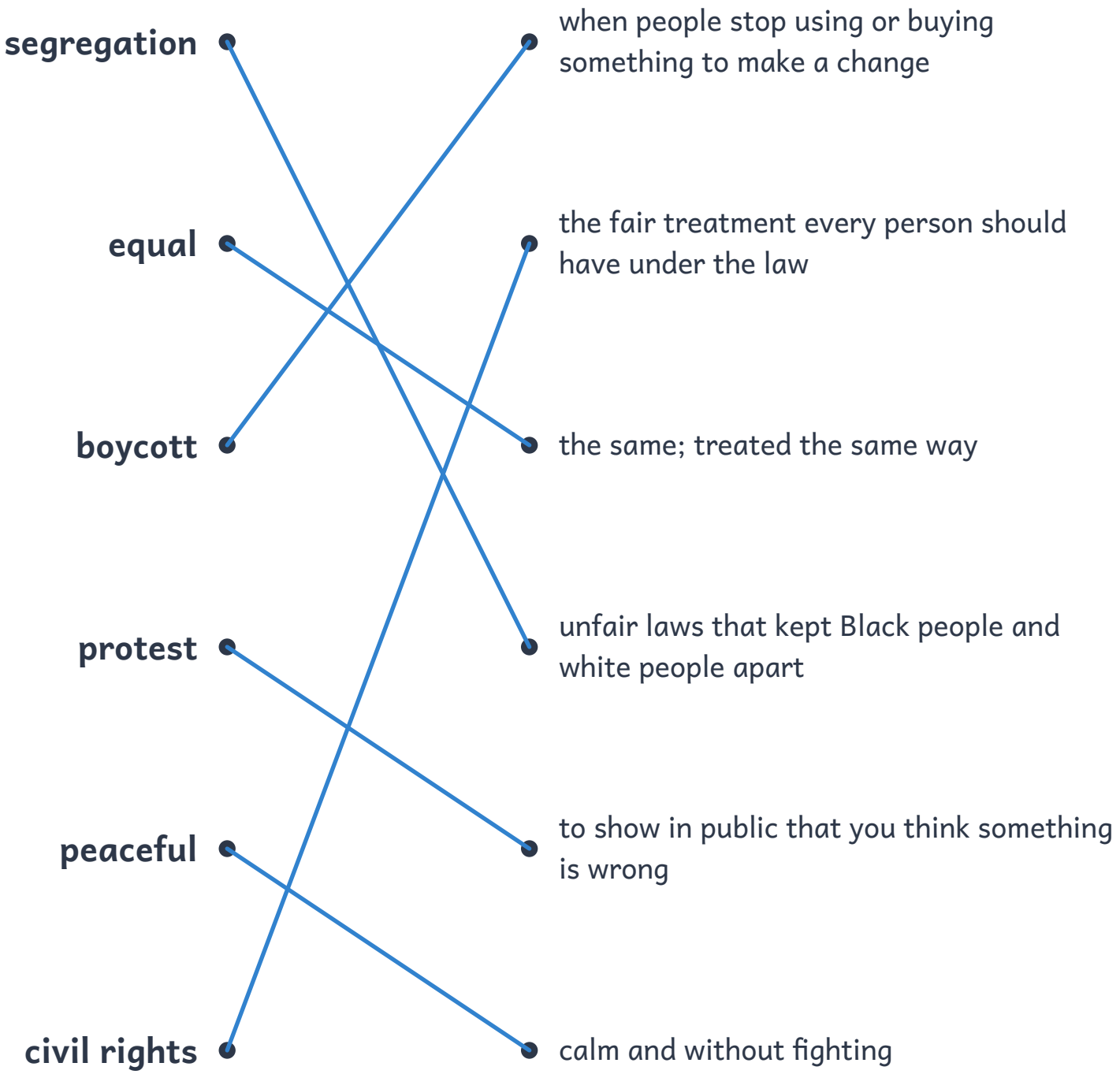
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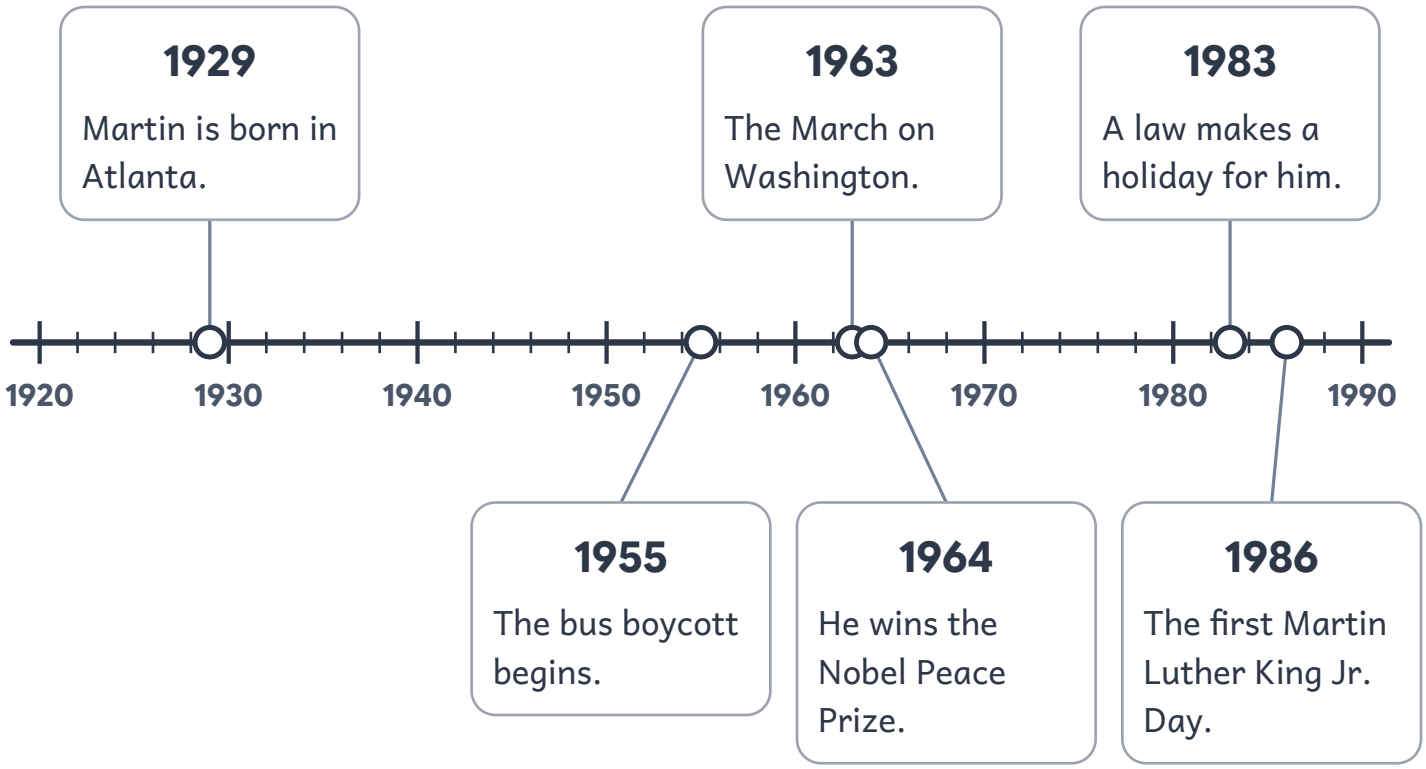
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