

Racial  
 Discrimination  
 ft. Martin Luther  
 King Jr.  
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# First Off!!!

## What is Race?

-each of the major divisions of humankind, having distinct physical characteristics.

## What is prejudice?

-preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience!!

## What is discrimination?

-the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people or things, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex.

\*Putting this all together, racial discrimination is when a person is treated less favourably than another person in a similar situation because of their race, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin or immigrant status.

\* It's really important to know and understand the definition and differences of each of the words listed.

\* This will offer a better understanding on what my profile is about and how my person being profiled has influenced me and my social justice issue.



# Martin Luther King Jr. (background)

Martin was born on January 15, 1929, and was shot and killed on April 4, 1968.

-Martin became the predominant leader in the Civil Rights Movement to end racial segregation and discrimination in America during the 1950s and 1960s and a leading spokesperson for nonviolent methods of achieving social change for the better of his community and race (Jackson pg. 1).

-He married Coretta Scott in 1953 and later had four children, Before becoming an activist he was a pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church (Singh para. 2)



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# Experiences part 1

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All throughout his life, society perceived this as the right way of education. There was no and there is still no set reason why someone believes that skin color determines superiority.



## Part 2.

King got arrested in several occasions but based on his Christian beliefs he showed not violence whatsoever. He believed in peaceful protesting and didn't want to set a bad example to the many people that looked up to him and still do.

There are several peaceful protest going on today that have been influenced by Martin and he was a great example that peaceful protesting does have strong effects.



## Pt. 3



King had several violent threats sent to him and his family constantly and in January 30, 1956 his house was bombed ("Martin Luther King Jr. – House," para. 9). No one was seriously injured but it was obvious that someone had strong cryptic affections towards him. Why? Simply because of his skin color and the fact that he was influencing other people to make change ("Martin Luther King Jr. – House," para. 12)

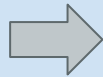
Having different skin color, or race, or gender doesn't define the type of person that you are or the intentions that you have. This is what was so misunderstood at the time and people feared change. Seeing African Americans take action made white colored people assume it was a threat. But assumption isn't a reasonable explanation of why people should reject or hurt others.

# The push through

Martin Luther king jr. lived in an era where not just one person was discriminated but everyone in his culture “felt the difficulties of today and tomorrow”. Similar to how the jews were discriminated against their beliefs, their voices weren’t being heard and the government did nothing (Singh para.6 ). This feeling of rejection and abandonment could have often lead to giving up or other tragic measures but it only sparked Martin to push forward and make a difference in his country especially.

In his famous “I Have a Dream” speech. He states that “the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.” this was a strong statement that meant that he had no doubt that one day every human being regardless their differences would be together in harmony. The 250,000 people that attended his speech were shaped to take action thanks to him (Tazanet para. 3).

His speech  
video!



# Opportunity for change

After Martin Luther's death, he sparked many African American people to make a difference and continue to fight for civil rights.

Learning about his life story and everything that he went through influenced me to write about his strong perseverance to try and create opportunity for change.

Although I may not have as big an impact as he had on society, he influenced my issue approach by showing me that a single person can create opportunity for change if they are determined to do so. Also, that working hard and having patience with others despite their differences is key to better unity.

