

Dr. Martin Luther King's Chronology

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media, left 70 blacks hospitalized and another 70 injured. **Summer:** Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) initiates a voter-registration drive, run by black and white students, called the Mississippi Summer Project. **June:** Dr. King's book "Why We Can't Wait" is published. **June 21:** Three civil rights workers — James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner — are reported missing after a short trip to Philadelphia, Mississippi. Their bodies are found six weeks later by FBI agents. **July:** Dr. King attends the signing of the Public Accommodations Bill, part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, by President Lyndon B. Johnson in the White House. **August:** Riots occur in New Jersey, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. **September 18:** Dr. King has an audience with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican. **December 10:** Dr. King receives the Nobel Prize in Oslo, Norway.



1967 January: Dr. King writes his book "Where Do We Go from Here?" while in Jamaica, West Indies. **March 12:** Alabama is ordered to desegregate all public schools. **March 25:** Dr. King attacks the government's Vietnam policy in a speech at the Chicago Coliseum. **April 4:** Dr. King makes a statement about the war in Vietnam at the Riverside Church in New York City. **July 12-17:** Twenty-three people die and 725 are injured in the riots in Newark, New Jersey. **July 23-30:** Forty-three die and 324 are injured in the Detroit riots. **July 26:** Dr. King, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, and Whitney Young, Jr. (executive director of the National Urban League) appeal for an end to the riots. **November 27:** Dr. King announces the formation by SCLC of a Poor People's Campaign, with the aim of representing the problems of poor blacks and whites.

1968 February 12: Sanitation workers strike in Memphis, Tennessee. **March 28:** Dr. King leads six thousand protestors on a march through downtown Memphis in support of striking sanitation workers. Disorders break out during which black youths loot stores. One person is killed, fifty people are injured. **April 3:** Dr. King delivers "I've Been to the Mountaintop" at the Memphis Masonic Temple. **April 4:** Dr. King is shot at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. He dies in St. Joseph's Hospital. **April 4-11:** Riots erupt in 125 cities around the country, including the nation's capital.

1965 February 21: Malcolm X is assassinated in New York City. **March 9:** Unitarian minister James Reeb is beaten by four white segregationists in Selma and dies two days later. **March 15:** President Johnson addresses the nation and Congress, describing the voting rights bill he will submit, and uses the slogan of the civil rights movement, "We Shall Overcome." **March 21-25:** Over three thousand protest marchers leave Selma for a march to Montgomery, protected by federal troops. They are joined along the way by a total of twenty-five thousand marchers. Upon reaching the capitol they hear an address by Dr. King. **March 25:** Viola Liuzzo is shot and killed while driving a marcher from Montgomery to Selma. **August 6:** The 1965 Voting Rights Act is signed by President Johnson. **August 11-16:** Thirty-five people die in riots in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California.

1966: Dr. King rents an apartment in a Chicago ghetto. **February 23:** In Chicago, Dr. King meets with Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Nation of Islam. **March:** Dr. King takes over a Chicago slum building and is sued by its owner. **March 25:** The Supreme Court of the United States rules that any poll tax is unconstitutional. **May 16:** Dr. King agrees to serve as co-chairman of Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam. An antiwar statement by Dr. King is read at a large Washington, D.C., rally to protest the war in Vietnam. **June:** Stokely Carmichael and Willie Ricks, both of SNCC, use the slogan "Black Power." **June 6:** James Meredith is shot soon after beginning his 220-mile "March Against Fear" from Memphis, Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi. **July 10:** Dr. King launches a drive to make Chicago an "open city" in regard to housing.

April 7-9: Dr. King lies in state at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. Mourners file by at the rate of twelve hundred per hour. **April 8:** Coretta King, Yolanda King, Martin King III, Dexter King, and Ralph Abernathy lead a memorial march for Dr. King in Memphis. **April 9:** The funeral of Dr. King is held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. He is laid to rest at the South View Cemetery.



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second day, 1/27/89, will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 4:00 p.m., in the evening. There is a registration fee of \$25.00. This fee will include lunch on Friday, January 27th.

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