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**Martin Luther King Jr. Chronology**

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Dec. 10. Dr. King is the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for Peace at age 35.

**1965** – On Feb. 2, King is arrested in Selma, Ala. during a voting rights demonstration.  
• After President Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act into law, Martin Luther King, Jr. turns to socioeconomic problems.

**1966** – On Jan. 22, King moves into a Chicago slum tenement to attract attention to the living conditions of the poor.  
• In June, King and others begin the March Against Fear through the South.  
• On July 10, King initiates a campaign to end discrimination in housing, employment and schools in Chicago.

**1967** – The Supreme Court upholds a conviction of MLK by a Birmingham court for demonstrating without a permit. King spends four days in Birmingham jail.

• On Nov. 27, King announces the inception of the Poor People's Campaign focusing on jobs and freedom for the poor of all races.



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**1968** – King announces that the Poor People's Campaign will culminate in a March on Washington, demanding a \$12 billion Economic Bill of Rights guaranteeing employment to the able-bodied, incomes to those unable to work, and an end to housing discrimination.

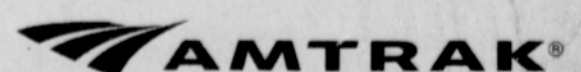
- Dr. King marches in support of sanitation workers on strike in Memphis, Tenn.
- On March 28, King leads a march that turns violent. This was the first time one of his events had turned violent.
- Delivered "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech.
- At sunset on April 4, Martin Luther King, Jr. is fatally shot while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn.
- There are riots and disturbances in 130 American cities. There were 20,000 arrests.
- King's funeral on April 9 is an international event.
- Within a week of the assassination, the Open Housing Act is passed by Congress.

On Nov. 2, 1986 a national holiday is proclaimed in King's honor.

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