

MLK Timeline

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- The March on Washington held Aug. 28 is the largest civil rights demonstration in history with nearly 250,000 people in attendance.
- At the march, King makes his famous I Have a Dream speech.
- On Nov. 22, President Kennedy is assassinated.

1964

- On Jan. 3, King appears on the cover of Time magazine as its Man of the Year.
- King attends the signing ceremony of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at the White House on July 2.
- During the summer, King experiences his first hurtful rejection by black people when he is stoned by black Muslims in Harlem.
- King is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on 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.

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

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Do not condemn the man that cannot think or act as fast as you can. Because there was a time when you could not do things as well as you can today.



-- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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