

Did You Know? 10 facts about Martin Luther King Jr.



The house on Auburn Avenue in Atlanta where Martin Luther King Jr. was born.

- 1. **Martin Luther King Jr. skipped two grades in high school, 9th and 11th, and entered college (Morehouse College) at the age of 15 in 1944.** By 19, he received a bachelor's degree in sociology.
- 2. **His honeymoon was spent at a funeral parlor.** This was not because someone died, simply because a friend owned the parlor and offered to let him use it for his honeymoon.
- 3. **His house was once bombed.** This was during the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which lasted 385 days.
- 4. **Martin Luther King Jr.'s autopsy revealed that stress had taken a major toll on his body.** Despite being only 39 when he passed away, one of his doctors noted that he had "the heart of a 60 year old".



Protesting injustice in Montgomery, Ala., in 1958, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is arrested for loitering.

- 5. **Today over 700 streets in the United States are named after Martin Luther King Jr.** There is one such street in almost every major city.
- 6. **King's "I Have a Dream" speech was not his first at the Lincoln Memorial.**
- 7. **King narrowly escaped an assassination attempt a decade before his death.**
- 8. **Members of King's family did not believe James Earl Ray acted alone.**



Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. gives a speech during a 1965 event supporting a boycott against the segregated buses in Montgomery, Ala.

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