"THE FUNCTION OF EDUCATION IS TO TEACH ONE TO THINK INTENSIVELY AND TO THINK CRITICALLY. INTELLIGENCE PLUS CHARACTER - THAT IS THE GOAL OF TRUE EDUCATION." - MLK

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a leader and civil rights activist who committed his life to service and fighting for equality. His legacy has inspired others to fight injustices around the world and to take action in solving social problems in the community. Students can learn about leadership, service and perseverance by gaining a deeper understanding of Dr. King's legacy and the setbacks he endured to ensure everyone was treated fairly, regardless of race or background. **Here are six resources to teach students about MLK:**

- [Education.com](https://www.education.com) compiled a list of activities, crafts, worksheets, lesson ideas and other helpful resources to share MLK's values of nonviolence, equality, service and justice with your students.
- Check out "[5 Must-Read Books Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. for Older Kids](https://www.scholastic.com)," provided by Scholastic Parents, to read about his life and accomplishments.
- Many Americans honor Dr. King's legacy by contributing their time, money, voice and talent to improve local communities. Teach students about service by participating in a service project! [KidWorldCitizen](https://www.kidworldcitizen.com) listed 35 service projects and opportunities for children to volunteer in their community.
- Watch a movie about MLK's life and legacy on [BrainPOP Educators](https://www.brainpop.com) to give students a better look at his important role in the Civil Rights Movement + lesson plans and activity ideas.
- [Scholastic.com](https://www.scholastic.com) asked teachers across the country to share their favorite ways to celebrate MLK Day. Check out their responses for great ideas!
- Teaching Tolerance prepared a list of the **do's and don'ts of celebrating MLK Day** as a guide for educating students about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.