

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

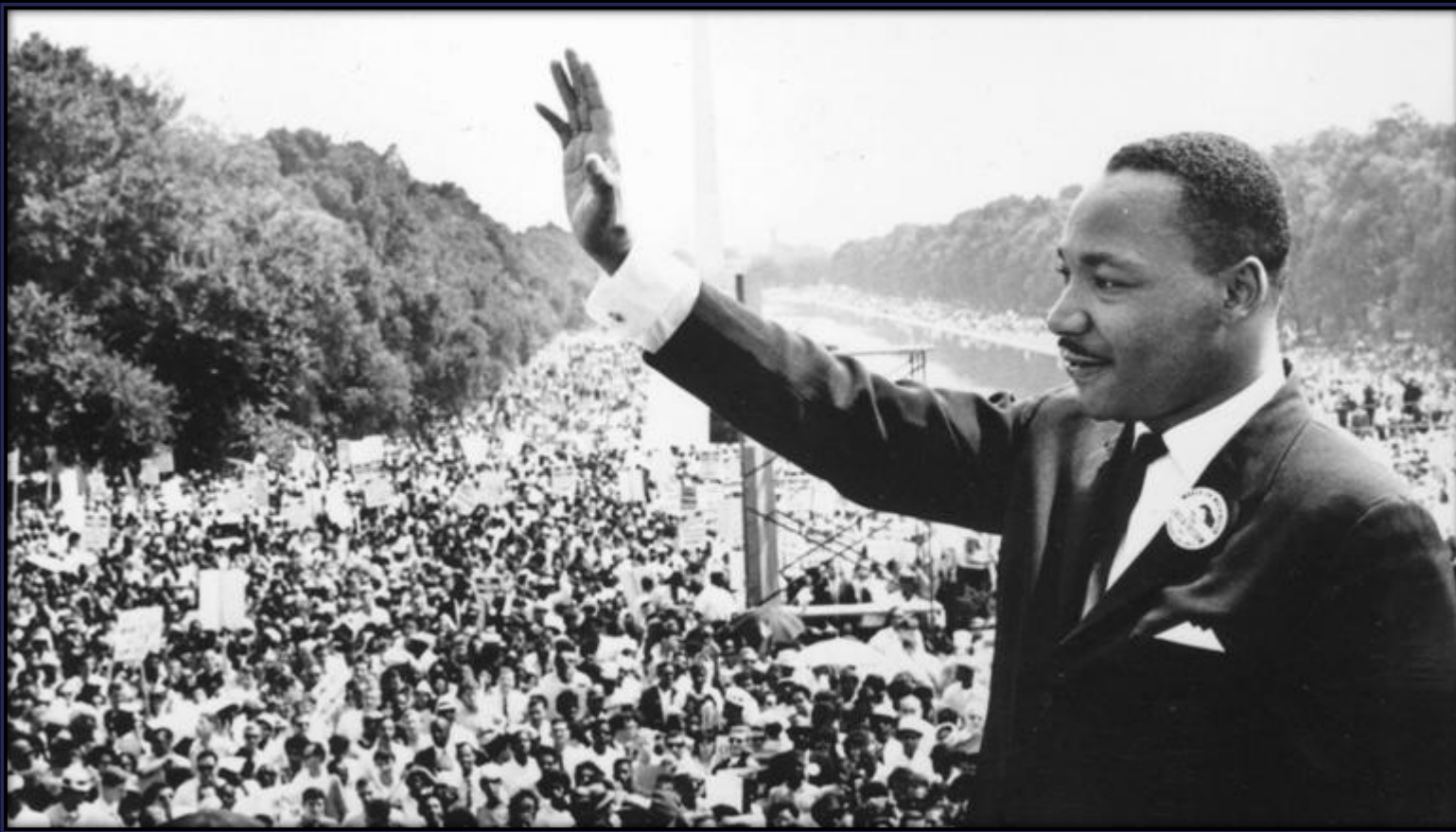
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Martin Luther King Jr. was an activist and a leader in the civil rights movement of U.S.A. He fought for racial equality and a future in which all men are equal. He is known for his “I Have a Dream” speech and won The Noble Peace Prize in 1964.



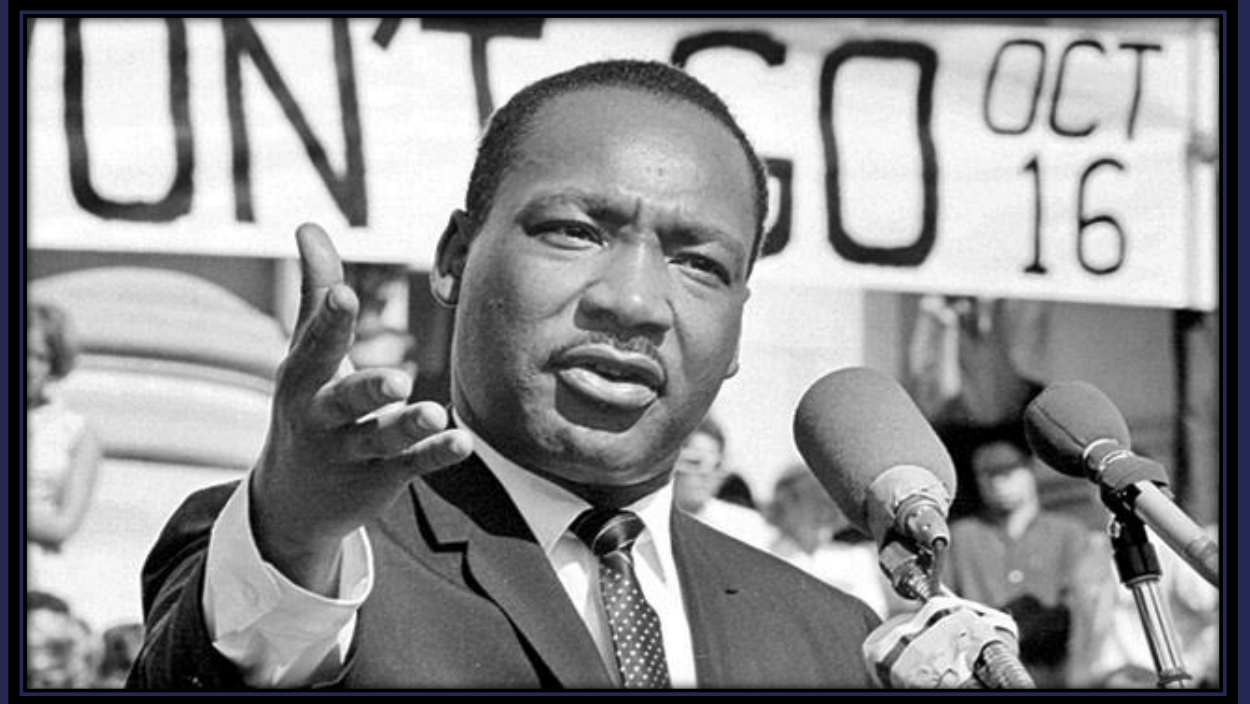
A CAREER OF HUMANITY



MLK was a Baptist minister and the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

WHY I CHOSE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

MLK showed everyone that dreams have power and anything can come true if you have faith, passion, and persistence.

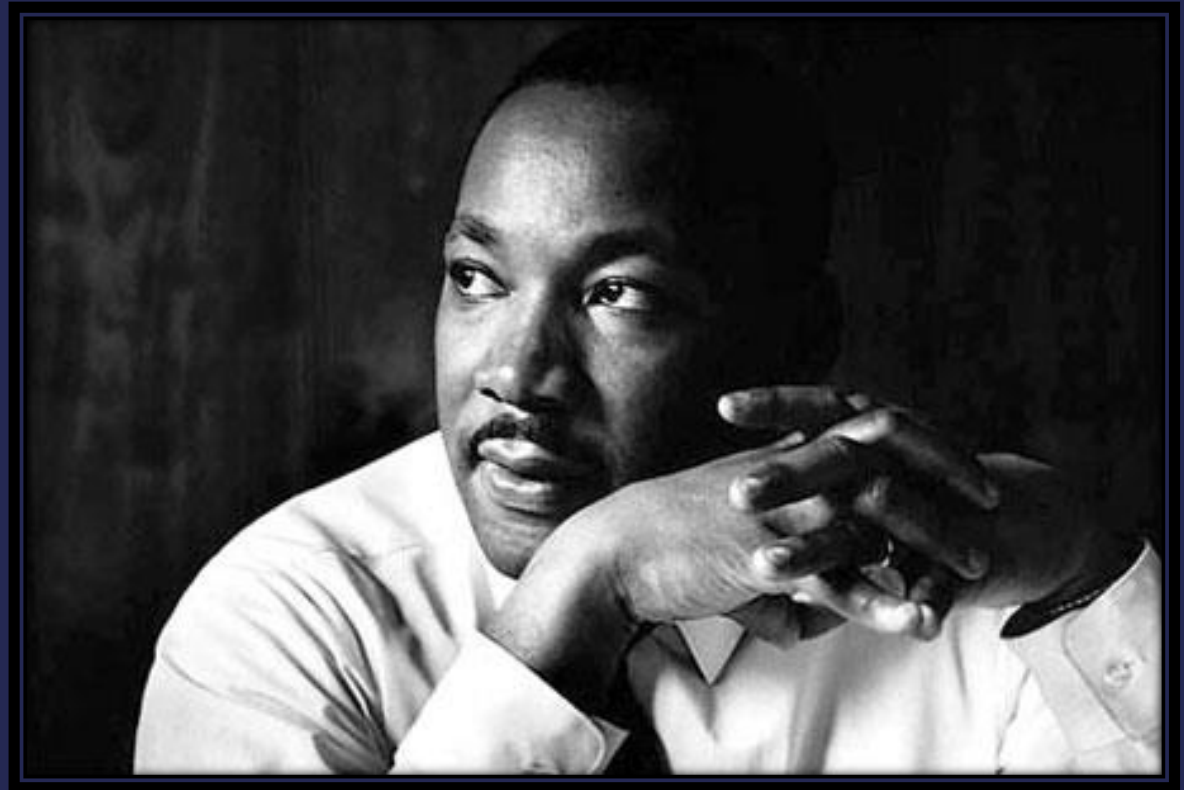


MLK QUALITIES

- He was persistent in his efforts to inspire, lead, and change
- No matter how tough things got, MLK never backed out of his message
- He wanted to inspire people
- He never stayed in one lane and didn't back down because of violence or attacks
- He wasn't afraid to seek out unfamiliar territories in civil rights
- Demanded tolerance and respect for all members of the Civil Rights Movement
- He had effective communication skills – his “I Have a Dream Speech” has been heard by millions and millions of people and is one of the most famous speeches in history.

LEADERSHIP STYLE

MLK had a unique way of getting people to work together rather than fight. He is known for the non-violent ways in which he led the civil rights movement. I would consider MLK a democratic leader because he involved thousands of people in his movement and everyone was given an opportunity to participate and discussion was encouraged.



VALUABLE INFORMATION

- Led the bus boycott in 1955 that was sparked by Rosa Parks
- Helped form the Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- Led lunch counter sit-ins where he and other blacks and whites demanded equal treatment in restaurants for people of all races
- Proved to the world that action without violence can be effective and successful
- It is no longer legal in the U.S. to segregate or discriminate based upon color