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How Much Do You Know About ...?

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

In this game we look at one subject in-depth — it could be a person, a place, an event, or a thing. This week, in celebration of his birthday, let's see how much you know about ... **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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Instructions: How much do you know about ... Martin Luther King, Jr.?

1. What was the occupation of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s father?
2. At the age of 15, Martin Luther King entered this historically black, all-male college located in Atlanta, Georgia.
3. What was the name of King's wife, whom he married in 1948?
4. From which northeastern university did King get his Ph.D. in theology?
5. Can you name one of King's four children?
6. Much of King's thinking about non-violent activism was inspired by this leader who guided India's fight for independence from Britain.
7. King was arrested and incarcerated several times during the civil rights era. In fact, it was in this city's jail that he wrote his famous letter arguing on behalf of non-violent resistance, stating that "one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws."
8. In 1957, King, Ralph Abernathy, and other civil rights activists found the SCLC. What does SCLC stand for?
9. Among King's targets were laws that codified the unfair treatment of African Americans, such as those that required separate drinking fountains for blacks and whites; mandatory seating for blacks in the back of public buses; and "colored" balconies in movie theaters. By what name were these laws collectively known?
10. What was the name of the Atlanta church led by Martin Luther King, Jr. and by his father before him?
11. On August 28, 1963, King and other civil rights leaders organized the March on Washington, where King gave a speech that would not only be immortalized as one of the finest speeches in American history, but would also help put civil rights at the top of the Democrats' agenda and help passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. By what name do we know this speech?

12. In 1964, Martin Luther King, Jr. won this prestigious award. As of that date, he was only the third black person to have received that honor.
13. On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King went to this city to support a garbage workers' strike. There he gave his "I've Been To The Mountaintop" speech, and then returned to the Lorraine Motel, where at 6:01 PM he was shot and killed.
14. Two months after King's death, this suspect was captured at London's Heathrow Airport using a false Canadian passport. He confessed to the crime in March 1969.
15. At King's funeral, this famous African American gospel singer, one of Dr. King's good friends, sang his favorite hymn, "Take My Hand, Precious Lord."

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ANSWERS

1. A Baptist minister
2. Morehouse College
3. Coretta Scott
4. Boston University
5. Yolanda, Martin Luther King III, Dexter, and Bernice
6. Mahatma Gandhi
7. Birmingham. The letter was published in 1963 with the title "Letter from Birmingham Jail."
8. Southern Christian Leadership Conference
9. Jim Crow Laws
10. Ebenezer Baptist Church
11. The "I Have A Dream Speech"
12. The Nobel Prize (for Peace)
13. Memphis, Tennessee
14. James Earl Ray
15. Mahalia Jackson