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**M.L. KING AND HIS SPEECH IN THE 60’S AMERICA**

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**Abstract**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of the important leader of Afro-American Civil Right Movement in 60’s. This paper describes his personal life, important speech ‘I Have a Dream’ and effects of this speech. He was an Afro-American Baptist minister, activist and racial equality advocator. He was fight for right to vote, worker’s rights etc... He won Nobel Prize on October 14, 1964. He played great part to established Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He made an ‘I Have a Dream’ speech in 1963 in front of the Lincoln Memorial. This speech had a great effect on people. After that speech, especially Afro-American people started to fight for their rights. April 4th 1968 when he was in Memphis to supported a strike, he killed by James Earl Ray. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established as a U.S. federal holiday in 1986.

**Key Words** I Have a Dream, Effects of I Have a Dream, Martin Luther King

**Introduction**

Afro-American Civil Rights Movement was an important part of American history. Racial discrimination was the cruel aspect of the American system. Afro-American people were judged by the colour of their skin. They were almost nothing for other people. They had less salary than white people, even if they did the same job. First success of Civil Right Movement was the law about racial discrimination in schools in 1954. Lots of people worked for this movement and one of them was Martin Luther King, Jr.

Purpose of this paper is giving information about America in 60’s, Martin Luther King’s life, his activities, analysis of ‘I Have a Dream’ speech and effects of the speech.

Research problems are;

1. Who is Martin Luther King, Jr?
2. What is the significance of ‘I Have a Dream’ speech?
3. What are effects of the speech on the people?

Martin Luther King was an important figure who led crowds of people in 60’s America. He was born in January 15, 1929, Atlanta, Georgia. He way inspired by Benjamin Ways. He graduated from Sociology Department. Then he graduated from Theology Faculty and did master about Systematic Theology. When he was twenty-four he became Pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. After the event of [Rosa Parks](http://tr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosa_Parks" \o "Rosa Parks), he organized the Montgomery Bus Boycott. This boycott continued 382 days. He arrested during the boycott.

After that boycott, he helped establish Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was a fighter for Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965His legendary speech was ‘I Have a Dream’. He made the speech in 1963, in front of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington for Jobs and FreedomSo many people were inspired by his speech. The speech were explained the Afro-American people’s problems:

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

… I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal. (King)

With this speech, people were encouraged and they stood up for their rights. The speech also brought some reform in its wake like Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act.

On March 29, 1968, Martin Luther King went to Memphis to support of the black sanitary public works employees. The following day, King was shot on the motel's second-floor balcony by James Earl Ray. However, he was not forgotten. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established as a U.S. federal holiday in 1986.

**Methods**

When researching for the study, some databases were investigated on online databases. According to the research studies, prepared by the others who investigated the same or peer subjects, this study is going to gain a momentum and have different kind of point of views. Besides these supplementary references, academic literature dictionaries were used. The main quotations of the play were quoted from the original text.

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**Result**

Martin Luther King is one of the leaders of the Afro-American Civil Rights Movement and ‘I Have a Dream’ speech is counting one of the important speeches in American history. The speech and Martin Luther King influenced and encouraged so many people. With Afro-American Civil Rights Movement, some racist laws were changed and Afro-American people have their rights.

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